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OF THE  
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## FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

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THE Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was held on Tuesday, May 8th, 1888, in the Collegiate Church, Forty-eighth Street and Fifth Avenue.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D.

After the opening hymn, the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor D.D., read the Forty-fifth Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D.D.

The Annual Report of the Foreign Corresponding Secretaries was read by Rev. O. H. Walser.

Hymn 734 was sung, after which Rev. Dr. H. N. Cobb gave a brief report from the Home Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. W. W. Clark read the summary of the Treasurer's Report; and the Report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Dr. P. D. Van Cleef.

The audience then listened with much interest to the following speakers—Rev. J. H. Ballagh, of Japan; Rev. L. R. Scudder, M. D.; and Rev. Dr. A. T. Pierson, of Philadelphia.

After the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Ormiston, and the meeting adjourned to the chapel, where a simple collation was served, and an hour spent socially in exchanging words of greeting and cheer.



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GATHERED once more, in the brightness of Spring, to keep an Anniversary, the thought in every heart finds expression in "Hitherto hath the Lord led us!" Surveying these stately aisles, crowded with the members of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to the mind's eye unrolls a fairer vision, as sweeping the wide horizon, we remember those for whom it expends its labor of love. Not with us, in this assembly, in bodily form, yet present to-day in spirit, are our brave representatives on foreign soil—the women who are our almoners, breaking the bread of life to our famishing sisters in the heathen world. Grouped in shadowy beauty, beyond the dear missionaries, we fancy a cloud coming as doves to their windows—those on whom the Morning Star has beamed at last, and whose progress shall be as the rising light, shining to the perfect day. The patient, submissive women of the East, long oppressed in dreary bondage, are finding in sweet realization what Jesus does for women. Surely they and we are one in this happy hour, for we "believe in the communion of saints."

Thank God, that communion grows ever fuller, deeper, wider, as the kingdom of heaven comes in the ransomed



hearts of earth. As we listen to the reports which have been sent from the field, do we not hear the Master's voice, thrilling sweet along the ages: "And other sheep I have, them also I must bring."

### CHINA.

Though we cannot report a Pentecostal blessing, yet our work in this mission has been marked by steady growth and expansion in new directions. Represented as we are in this field by self-denying laborers, the blessing will yet descend in God's own time and manner. Undaunted by obstacles and unmindful of physical comfort, our young ladies are found willing to itinerate, weeks at a time, in far away country places, encountering poverty and filth, for the purpose of teaching not the ignorant only, but that class most trying to the instructor, the *stupid*. "We are so thankful," writes one, "when we find an idea has taken root." Another writes, "I asked a woman who God is, she answered 'Christ's son.'" This woman had been coming to church off and on for fifteen years. When remonstrating with the husbands on the neglect of the wives, the answer invariably came, "My wife is stupid, she cannot learn anything." We cite this to show the character of some of the difficulties that beset the work.

Yet with courage and patience, and with faithfulness to their trust, our missionaries go from one hamlet to another with the story of redeeming love. Surrounded by the curious, plied with questions irrelevant, and annoyed in countless ways, the story is told over again in trustful reliance on Him who has declared, "My word shall not return to me void." Fatigued by the work of the day, they turn in for rest to what is known as "Chapel," a misleading term to those of us reared in a Christian land. "You need to imagine a dingy room with brick floor and dirty walls, a desk near one end,

and a pen partitioned off for the women, and you have a pretty good idea of what a country chapel is." The situation might yet be tolerated, did our wearied friends find themselves the sole occupants of the place, but infested as these rooms are, rest is frequently impossible, and the dawn is welcomed with a feeling of relief which we in our comfortable homes cannot appreciate. "The wear and tear of these country trips," writes Mr. Rapalye, is such that the ladies must risk health and strength to carry it on." Yet here is opportunity for access to the hearts and homes of the people. The house at Siokke built by the children, with its cleanly appointments, has been to our wearied workers a great comfort.

No picture is perfect without its lights, and we gladly put on the brighter touches. First we hear from the

#### CHARLOTTE DURVEA BIBLE SCHOOL.

Mrs. Talmage writes: "We have had during the year forty women, fifteen being the largest number at any time. Our *aim* is to get *any* women we can to come down to learn to read the Bible, in the Romanized colloquial. We know until the mothers learn to read the Bible for themselves they cannot grow fast in grace, neither can they teach their children. When the women come down they improve in many ways, so when visiting the country stations, it is not difficult to pick out those who have been to Amoy to study. There was a young woman who had been to the Bible School from Soa-Sia; she came knowing nothing, returned at the summer vacation able to read and write, so that the Christians in her neighborhood were much pleased." "I was much encouraged," continues Mrs. Talmage, "when visiting the station to see that she was still making progress, and that she was really a light in her home. One of the native Pastors told me a

woman of his congregation had not known what it is to worship God in spirit, until she came to the Bible school." The best of these women are taken by Miss Talmage and trained as evangelists. The limitations to this arrangement are sometimes embarrassing, as those who could render the most efficient service are too young to go about the roads with propriety, and women must be selected who are about thirty-five years of age and over. If young women were allowed the freedom they have in Japan, the older school girls might be employed for this purpose.

#### OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL AT KOLONG-SU.

"The names of fifty girls have been on the roll during the year, with an average attendance of forty-one. The pupils, with few exceptions, worked well and passed creditable examinations." Instead of giving prizes, the teachers had a tree—this could scarcely be called a Christmas tree, as it was given in February, neither could it remind them of Christmas, as the native Christians have not been taught to regard that day. The girls had never seen anything of the kind before and were delighted." Miss Talmage reports that two of the girls have left the school, to be married to preachers of the Gospel, and that the eldest pupil has gone to assist in a small day school lately organized by Miss Kitty Talmage. Four of the pupils during the year have made a confession of their faith in Christ. This addition makes one-fourth of the school professing Christians.

An interesting feature of the work this year was in the formation and great success of a Dorcas Society, composed of the pupils and a number of native Christian women in Amoy. A number of articles were made and sold, and at the end of the year there was, over and above the money spent on material, sixty dollars, besides several garments to be

given away. When we consider how poor the people are and what small pay is given for hand sewing (the cutting out and sewing of a complete suit of outer garments costing less than twenty cents), the amount raised was no mean sum. The members voted that the money raised should be given to the Children's Home. Seventeen of the pupils pay something to their own support, but the larger number are children of very poor parents.

#### THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Is a new branch of work organized this year. Many cases of cruelty towards girl children having come to the knowledge of our ladies, they, in connection with three friends of the English Presbyterian Mission, determined, if funds could be raised, to establish a Home where children might be taken in and cared for. They succeeded in raising between six and seven hundred dollars, and have started this beneficial work. While nothing so far has been asked of the Boards towards its support, yet work of this character must appeal unresistingly to the hearts of mothers in the Home land.

#### DR. KING'S PROJECTED WORK.

Those of us present at the last Anniversary will recall our little lady physician as she stood before us, with modest demeanor, ready to receive our greetings. Leaving this country shortly after for China, and having arrived there, she began at once the study of the language, and the maturing of plans for work among women. She already asks for means to start a Dispensary and Hospital. Eleven hundred dollars from different sources have been appropriated towards the support of her work.

A day school started on the Island of Amoy by Miss Talmage, and to which allusion has been already made, com

pletes the list of new lines of work organized by our missionaries this past year.

Do not overlook China! Think of its teeming millions; of the progress made thus far; of the faithful, uncomplaining workers, who ask our prayers, our help, our sympathy! Shall we not gladden their hearts by aiding them more than ever before in their labors of love?

### INDIA.

In attempting to report the work done in India the past year by our brave women, we feel how utterly inadequate are facts and figures to represent moral enthusiasm and spiritual successes. The spectrum analysis fails to give the charm of the sunbeam, and botany has never explained the rare joy of finding under the snow the trailing arbutus.

During this year the Sun of Righteousness, with healing in its beams, has shined into new spots of pagan darkness, and hearts long barren and arid have blossomed like the rose.

### VELLORE.

The Girls' Seminary where, for years, Mrs. Jared Scudder has done patient and loving work, reports the number in attendance during the year as sixty-six, more than double what it was five years ago. Nine girls have united with the Church during the year, and seven were married in February to graduates of the Arcot Seminary. Some of the older girls write verses to be sung at these wedding occasions. They all insist on being married at school, saying that a marriage in the village is as bad as no marriage at all. Miss Julia Scudder writes of the Hindu Girls' Schools, that the Arasamaran School has had an average attendance of ninety-nine, and the Circa Mandy Street School of seventy-six.

Both schools have suffered from the cutting down of the Government grants. During the year some Action Songs and Kindergarten Lessons have been taught for the first time to the satisfaction of the children. Several pupils who left to attend the opposition school have returned during the year.

A little timely help from a Church in Illinois has enabled Miss Scudder to carry on her much-loved Zenana work. She has now three women employed in visiting and teaching, where last year there was only one.

#### TINDIVANAM.

Mrs. John Scudder writes specially of the work in the Boys' Boarding School at Tindivanam, where, during the past year, they have numbered thirty-four pupils. They call this the Preparandi School, because those worthy of such promotion are sent on to the Academy under Mr. Conklin's charge. They hope from these ranks to send recruits for the Theological Seminary. The boarders all attend the large day school, and pupils of all castes, Brahmins and others, stand next to Christian boys in their classes. All study the Bible together an hour each day.

One of the drawbacks to success in the Hindu Girls' School is the bigotry of the parents. The girls are frequently detained at home on trivial excuses, but in spite of opposition and interruption, they enjoy their sewing and singing and Bible stories.

The Bible Reader, Mrs. Sawyer, has had specially discouraging experiences. One man gave her a tract, published by an Association in Madras, which, by garbled extracts from the Bible, attempts to prove how often its rules are transgressed by Europeans, and then warns all Hindus against sending their children to our schools, or allowing

their girls or women to be taught by Christians. When we remember that Mrs. Sawyer has been reaching women who have not so much as heard of there being any Christ before, we feel that this discouragement calls for our special sympathy and prayer.

#### ARNEE.

Mrs. Conklin speaks of the "more noble" earnestness of the Arnee women. They have no money to give, but deny themselves systematically of their daily bread, rice, for the support of the Church. At her last visit during the rainy season, the river near the bungalow was high, and six or eight women on the other side waded across, with the water up to their arm-pits, two of them carrying babies held high above the river. The sub-magistrate and his family are Christians, and his wife holds each week in her own house a prayer meeting. Seventy are enrolled in the Girls' School at Arnee.

#### CHITTQOR.

In Chittoor the Government School has been closed, and this adds to the number enrolled at the Hindu Girls' School. They report more than a hundred in attendance the past year, and expect to increase this number the coming year. Mr. Conklin visits both Arnee and Chittoor each month.

#### WALLAJAH.

The most encouraging work at Wallajah is the Zenana work. This has been successfully carried on since 1886, and twenty-eight houses are now open to the Zenana woman. Mrs. Conklin frequently visits the houses with her. They earnestly ask for an additional helper in this work.

## MADANAPALLE.

Mrs. W. W. Scudder writes on the eve of departure from Mananapalle for Palmanair, where the new Theological Seminary is to be located. She speaks of leaving with deep regret their three-years' home, and especially her Sunday-School boys, nine of whom have united with the Church.

Miss M. K. Scudder reports an average attendance of thirty-two at the Girls' Boarding School. One of the girls has married a Christian, a young policeman. Five of the girls have united with the Church. Owing to the kindness of friends in America, the girls of this school have learned the beautiful meaning of our word CHRISTMAS.

The average attendance at the Hindu Girls' School is forty. The Head-Master, a Brahmin, takes great interest in the growth and improvement of the school.

We cannot close without alluding to the return of Mrs. Jacob Chamberlain to Madanapalle. It has given great cheer to the six ladies of the Arcot Mission, and has made them all sharers in the old Jewish belief that "seven is the number of completeness."

Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, by their long stay in this country, and their recent return to India, have brought us all nearer to the great work there. Our vague and misty knowledge of India has changed into a vivid and more Christian understanding of her needs, and we dare not "sit idly" as of old, when into this vineyard the Master has shown us the open door. Women, to whom the great sorrow of life is the cutting of the "thale," appeal to us to teach them "better things." By their ignorance and degradation when untaught; by their childlike earnestness of faith and great generosity when they have "learned the truth as it is in Jesus;" they entreat us for help. Year after year has come



the cry, "Send us aid for our Zenana work." Year after year has our answer been languid indifference and a criminal sloth.

Members of the Woman's Board! This year again is the cry heard!

Leave not your Band of Seven to watch alone with the Master through the hours of India's night. Be ye followers of the Galilean women who ministered of their substance.

### JAPAN.

Progress all along the line is the sufficient answer to the injustice which has permitted a tirade against missionaries and their work in Japan, to appear recently on the pages of a prominent literary magazine. That intelligent people should be ignorant of the wonderful advance of Christian civilization in the Empire of the Rising Sun is a commentary on the bigotry of unbelief—an evidence that the reproach of Christ has not ceased in a world of sin.

### YOKOHAMA.

The Rev. Eugene S. Booth, of the Isaac Ferris Seminary, reports that the past has been an eventful and glorious year in the history of the school. It has had one hundred and thirty-five (135) names on the roll, with an average attendance of one hundred and twenty-five (125). Fifty new pupils have been enrolled during the year, and many applicants have been denied admission for lack of room.

The marriages of Miss H. L. Winn and Miss Anna H. Ballagh deprived the Seminary of two efficient teachers, but Miss Anna De F. Thompson, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Booth on their return to Yokohama in July, has taken hold of the new work with energy, and is a decided acquisition to the teaching force.

Miss Thompson's musical proficiency enables her to give valuable assistance in this department.

The present faculty consists of four foreign, nine Japanese, and five pupil assistant teachers, all of whom are amply occupied in maintaining in the school the high standard which has characterized it.

It seems to us a fact worthy of special mention that the Isaac Ferris Seminary has reached a plane whence it may call upon its own graduates to take part in its work. Miss Kashi Shimada, its first graduate, is proving herself an instructor of great ability, and the Auxiliary of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York, which has taken upon itself the payment of her salary, may be congratulated on the privilege it possesses in being thus represented. Few American or English girls use their mother tongue with the facility and strength which distinguish this Japanese girl in her English composition. An essay from her pen, recently published, gives the most graphic epitome we have seen of the condition of women in Japan, and the bread-winning occupations opening to her in the near future and the new civilization. That Japanese women, educated under Christian auspices, should now be conducting the higher education of the sex in their native land, is a significant token of the onward march of Christian ideas.

The liberality of friends at home, supervening on the cheerful courage and persistency of the Rev. Mr. Booth, enabled him to carry back from America to Japan, the means to enlarge the Seminary.

Since his arrival, Mr. Booth has been incessantly occupied in the preparation of plans for the new building, and in the re-organization of the School.

To constant supervision of the institution in all its departments, Mr. Booth adds the personal conducting of several

of the higher classes, teaching three periods each day; while Mrs. Booth gives her own motherly care, and instructs in sewing and fancy work.

Miss M. Leila Winn, teaching four and a half hours daily, has added to her care of the primary and of one or two other classes, a course of Old Testament Stories in Japanese. To us this simple statement seems impressive. It is a fascinating picture this, of the sweet-faced girl from America, telling the little eager listeners, in their own tongue, of Samson, Samuel, David and Goliath, Daniel, and the other heroes of the Bible, familiar favorites in our nurseries at home, and part of our life-long mental wealth.

Miss Winn continues her Saturday meetings with the women at Yokosuka, and we gladly record the evidence of God's blessing on this part of her work; nearly all who have attended her class there have been converted and have united with the Church. They manifest their sense of obligation by cheerfully paying Miss Winn's traveling expenses.

It is our delight to speak of the deep and steady religious interest which has prevailed in the Seminary throughout the year. During November, when some interesting special meetings were held, forty-six of the girls professed their faith in Christ. Twenty-one pupils have been baptized during the year, and upwards of thirty are pleading with their parents for permission to be baptized.

The little daily prayer-meetings of the girls continue to be blessed by the presence of the Master, and with eighty per cent. of the pupils either baptized Christians or desiring to become such, the outlook is more than hopeful.

The school has enjoyed general good health, though an insufficient water supply, during a prolonged drought, was an occasion of serious inconvenience. To remedy this, and prevent discomfort in future, a well has been sunk to the

depth of one hundred and seventy feet, and a gravel stratum reached, which gives promise of an abundant supply of water. It has been bricked from bottom to top, and a pump operated by a wind engine will force the water up into a tank, from which it will be distributed by pipes through the building. This is now in course of erection.

To those who contributed to the fund for the enlargement of the Isaac Ferris Seminary, and indeed to us all, there is a touching pathos in a little incident related by Mr. Booth, in the conclusion of his report. A Japanese lady, of very limited income, has a daughter in the school. Hearing what the good people in America had given to aid in educating her countrywomen, she came with, her daughter, bringing a donation of fifty dollars, which she insisted on devoting to the same use. In comparison with her means, the amount was a munificent offering, and shows how woman in Japan appreciates her new privileges and opportunity.

#### NAGASAKI.

The Jonathan Sturges' Seminary at Nagasaki, in a comfortable, agreeably furnished building, with two teachers, Miss Brokaw and Miss Irvine, may be said to be fairly started on the road to success. There are at present fourteen boarders, and others are applying for admission. A recent photograph of the School, and the letters and autographs of the children, give us a pleasing impression of their intelligence and quickness in learning. Two of the older girls are Christians, who have manifested their sincerity by the gentleness of their demeanor, and their diligent and faithful study. After the long and patient waiting, the establishment of the Jonathan Sturges Seminary at this point fills us with thankfulness, and we are convinced that only time is needed to give results in Nagasaki equal to those which we record in Yokohama.

## OTHER AGENCIES.

Mrs. E. R. Miller and Mrs. H. Harris are busily working at Tokiyo, holding meetings with women and children, and superintending Evangelists' work. From Tokiyo, as a centre, Christian Japanese women are sent forth to read the Bible, and gather women into the Churches. Thousands of tracts, papers, and portions of the Bible are distributed from Tokiyo. Mrs. Miller's periodical, "Glad Tidings," is received with popular approval, and has a wide circulation.

## THE MISSION GLEANER.

Of our official paper, the Mission Gleaner, we have only to say that a glance at its pages for the past year, shows its reason for being, and its claim on the generous support of the Auxiliaries. Its circulation does not keep pace with its merit, and we urge that greater and more systematic efforts be made, to insure it a larger subscription list. Nowhere else can the women of the Reformed Church find such full and fresh information, as to the work of woman in our mission fields, as in the Gleaner, which is still issued at the low price of 25 cts. a year.

## RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

Our total receipts for the year are \$17,544.81, the aggregate of many small sums, for, as we have said on previous occasions, we women but follow the reapers. Can we not do better than this? Every year in our history as a Board has been marked by an advance in the numbers of Auxiliaries, and in the largeness of contributions. Thinking of Japan, of India, of China, shall we not set our mark for another year beyond what we have yet been able to give? Our pledge of \$5,000.00 for the Girls' Schools has been more than trebled this year, but we must not be satisfied, only thankful.

To gather up the suggestions of these reports in a sentence, we can only say that we hear our marching orders from above, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward!" Our reasons for encouragement are many, and we cannot stand still. The need of more consecration, of more systematic giving, of self-denial for Christ, of the love at home which shall keep ever on its heart the laborers at the front, of the patient training of the children, and the steady faith in Him whose word we obey when we teach all nations, are the lessons derived from the story of the year. Let us pray more earnestly than ever, for by the wonderful force of prayer is the whole world bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

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DURING the fiscal year now closed, a steady growth has marked the progress of the work in the Societies auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. With but few exceptions, all speak of an increasing interest in the cause, and a deeper love for our work. This is especially noticeable, and a matter of deepest gratitude and encouragement, from the reports of our Mission "Bands" and "Circles," which are composed mostly of the youth of our Reformed Church.

As these "lambs of the flock" have been instructed by our earnest, faithful Christian women to labor, pray and give to the cause of foreign missions, they have been guided by the Spirit into the fold of the Good Shepherd, who "carries the lambs in his bosom."

A Secretary writes: "In 1880 our 'Band' numbered eight members, now increased to something like eighty. Of these none were Christians at first; now I think I could name twenty who are followers of Christ; and when eighty children are interested in any one subject, that means forty fathers and mothers influenced through this channel. A new 'Band' with fifty children as members has grown out of this one, and still another in a distant city has been formed; and last, but not least, I myself have been 'watered and fed' through this work, so that 'in my weakness I have been made strong.'"

Another Secretary writes: "Although our ranks have been depleted by death, six members having died, and scarlet fever, prevailing, we have enrolled fourteen active and seven honorary members, and raised the past year for missions over one hundred and thirty-two dollars."

Another Mission Band began the year's work in October with an attendance of forty-seven children, increasing until the present enrolment is one hundred and forty-seven children, sixty of whom are boys, and sixteen teachers. The "Band" has raised the past six months over one hundred and twenty dollars for missions.

These facts are very encouraging and speak for themselves. In that admirable tract entitled "Missions in the Sabbath School," the writer says of the co-operation of the children in this work of missions both abroad and at home: "While missionaries make strenuous efforts to reach the adult heathen about them, and while such efforts have been abundantly blessed of the Lord, as seen in the large membership of the churches gathered from among the nations within the life-time of a single generation, yet the easiest, most promising, and most permanent work is and must be with the young. Their hearts are more susceptible, their superstitious practices are less firmly fixed, and, if their lives are spared, they enjoy longer and better opportunities for Christian culture than adults. Hence every mission seeks by means of schools and teachers to gain an early and controlling influence upon the rising generation. As the women of Christian lands have been aroused to labor and prayer in behalf of their benighted and down-trodden sisters of the East, so it appears to be eminently fitting that Christian children should have a share in winning from heathenism and death the multitudes of little ones who are growing up in pagan lands." Among many important considerations showing that the co-operation of the children of our church is desirable, is "the reflex benefit the children reap." The maxim, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," has been



abundantly tested in Christian experience. The churches and individuals who water others most liberally are themselves "as the garden of the Lord," well watered everywhere. The cultivation of this grace opens the heart to other and blessed influences.

The new work upon which the women of our Reformed Church have just entered, that of Medical Missionary Work for Women, has deeply interested some of our earnest co-laborers. The Secretary of the Utica Auxiliary writes, "It is a subject on which some of our members have thought much and prayed earnestly, and in a brief retrospect of the ten years' work of our Society, given at our last annual meeting, the wish and hope were strongly expressed that the way might be opened for the Church to undertake this most beneficent work. "While we were yet speaking" God had heard, for in the next issue of the "Intelligencer," the announcement was made that the young Chinese lady, Miss King, had offered herself to the Woman's Board for this purpose and been accepted. It is our earnest desire that we may have some share in this beautiful work and help to make it a glorious success."

The earnestness and ability with which Dr. King has entered upon her chosen life work, with the single aim, as we believe, of promoting the interests of Christ's cause, as she administers the healing art to those less fortunate, is an inspiration to us in the home land to labor and pray more earnestly, and to increase our gifts that a rich and abundant blessing may follow her efforts.

#### NEW AUXILIARIES.

Eighteen Auxiliaries to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions have been reported to the Home Corresponding Secretary for the year ending April 30th, 1888, as follows:

Hastings Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Harlem Second Collegiate Church, N. Y.  
 Grace Reformed Church Mission Band, N. Y. City.  
 New Brunswick, Suydam Street Church Mission Band.  
 Rochester First Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Rhinebeck Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Queens Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Kalamazoo Reformed Church, Michigan.  
 Muskegon Reformed Church, Michigan.  
 Newark First Church, Mission Band.  
 Newark Second Church, Mission Band.  
 Madison Avenue Reformed Church, Mission Band.  
 Newark North Reformed Church, Mission Band.  
 Mellenville Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Franklin Furnace Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Coopersville Reformed Church, Michigan.  
 Seneca Falls Reformed Church, Mission Circle.  
 Holland Hope Church Mission Band, Michigan.

Contributions are received from Norwood Park Reformed Church, Marbletown Reformed Church, Jersey City Central Ave. Reformed Church, Dashville Reformed Church, Accord Reformed Church, and others, not yet reporting organizations.

Total number Auxiliaries, 230.

## NEW AUXILIARIES.

*Harlem Second Collegiate Church.*—This Auxiliary was organized over a year ago, but as no formal report was made to the Secretary, no mention was made in the Annual Report of the Woman's Board of said Society. Much valuable and efficient work, however, has been accomplished in the brief period of the existence of this Auxiliary. The Society is a large one, and the members are very active and very much interested in the work of the Woman's Board.

The President writes: "The very beautiful book you sent reached me. I have been reading it myself with great interest, and will present it to our Society at the next meeting as a gift from Mrs. Sturges. It cannot fail to have the effect the generous giver desires." The membership of this Auxiliary is reported to be fifty-eight, the meetings held monthly and well attended. Contributions the past year to foreign missions one hundred and forty-nine dollars and twenty cents.

*New York City, Grace Reformed Church.*—One of the young ladies, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary in this Church, organized a Mission Band of children, composed of both boys and girls. The name of the Band is taken from a story in the "Gleaner"; at the time of organization—Mission Band of "CORAL WORKERS" of Grace Church. Membership dues are a penny, paid at each meeting. Among these children every penny given really means considerable, as they are all working to help support the family, or do not because they are too young.

*Hastings-on-Hudson Reformed Church.*—This Society was organized May 3d, 1887. Its membership is twenty-eight, who pay a monthly due of ten cents. During the year an effort has been made to arouse interest in missions and mission work. The Manual of Missions has been read, and articles bearing directly upon this important work, such as

papers, tracts, etc., have also been perused. During the year the Society has lost by removal, its Pastor and his kindly offered assistance in the work, and the Vice-President, who died during the month of February, after a lingering illness. Still the members have labored on, trusting that their efforts have not been in vain, and looking towards farther advancement in mission work during the coming year.

*Seneca Falls Mission "Circle."*—This Circle is composed of six young girls, members of a Sunday School class, taking the name of "The King's Daughters." Under the leadership of a faithful, earnest, efficient teacher, we look for a good harvest in the future from the seed now sown by a loving hand and a heart warm in the interest of the work of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

*New Brunswick, Suydam Street Church Mission "Band."*—The young ladies connected with the Sunday School of the Suydam Street Church organized a Mission Band in October, 1887, and through the efforts of Miss Campbell, the Band became auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Much efficient work has been accomplished during this time. The monthly meetings are pleasant and profitable. Articles bearing on missions and missionary work are read, and contribute much to stimulate interest in the subject at heart. There are twenty-two members. One of the most zealous workers God has removed to a higher sphere of usefulness, and although her presence is greatly missed, she has entered into rest, and "her works do follow her."

*Mellenville Reformed Church.*—This Auxiliary was organized November 26th, 1887. The membership now numbers forty-one. The Pastor and his wife have had their hearts cheered by the warmth and interest manifested by the ladies in this movement. It is proposed to have one hundred active contributing members. Missionary boxes have been distributed, and the work carried forward with zeal and earnest purpose. Regular meetings are held at the parsonage the

first Saturday of each month. The Manual of Missions has been read with much interest, and is gratefully acknowledged.

*Queens Reformed Church, L. I.*—A general meeting of the women of the Reformed Church of Queens was called for the purpose of forming a Missionary Society. Twenty ladies were present, and an Auxiliary was organized—all seemed much interested. The congregation is scattered, and the plan is pursued of having four collectors solicit the dues quarterly. The April meeting of the Society was full of interest.

*Rochester First Reformed Church.*—The Society existing in this Church has been acting as an Auxiliary and sending contributions to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions for some time, but no formal organization was made until the present year, when an Article added to the Constitution of the Missionary Society already existing in the Church, made it a regular Auxiliary. The interest in the monthly meetings is increasing and the contributions enlarging correspondingly.

*Rhinebeck Reformed Church.*—An Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Reformed Church, was organized in this Church, March 5th, 1888. Officers were elected, and it was decided to hold the regular meetings of the Auxiliary once a month in future.

*Muskegon Reformed Church, Michigan.*—The report from this new Auxiliary is very gratifying. Although the Society is not large, there are loyal hearts engaged in this work, and they will do all in their power to advance the cause and promote the interests of our work. The appeal of the Pastor for organization met with a cordial response.

*Kalamazoo Second Reformed Church, Mich.*—In October, 1887 an Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Mis-

sions was organized in this Church. Monthly meetings are held, and at last report the Society had forty members on register. The work is carried forward with interest. A copy of the Manual of Missions has been received and is read with much profit by the members.

*Coopersville Reformed Church, Mich.*—The Pastor of this Church, with his wife, contemplated making a house to house visitation to enlist interest in forming a Society auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Bad roads, extreme cold and severe storms prevented, and a meeting was called from the pulpit. Eighteen ladies responded and more will follow. The Pastor feels that a step forward has been taken in the right direction and in the development of Christian character. This work carried forward as it is begun will be productive of good results.

*Holland, Mich., Hope Reformed Church.*—A Mission "Circle" was organized in this Church November 2d, 1887. The membership at last report was sixteen, and the meetings held monthly. The Secretary writes: "We are a band of young ladies, inexperienced in this work, but very desirous of doing what we can in this blessed work for the Lord of all."

*Franklin Furnace Reformed Church, N. J.*—A letter from the Classical Committee of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, urging the formation of a Missionary Society among the ladies of the Reformed Church of Franklin Furnace, resulted in the organization of a Society in March, 1887, with a membership of fifteen, to be auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The meetings have been held quarterly, and although there has been no increase in membership, there is no discouragement as to the result. The first offering has been sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board with the expressed hope that it may be increased another year.

## AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

*Acquackanonck First Reformed Church.*—Eleventh Annual Report.—“We have been blessed during this eleventh year of our existence in reaching its close without a death to chronicle. The attendance at the monthly meetings has been good. Of a membership of sixty-eight we average seventeen in attendance. Our foreign correspondents have indeed been good to us; the Auxiliary has been in constant receipt of letters from India, China, and Japan. Soon after the commencement of the year it was determined by vote of the ladies to send a Christmas box to Mrs. Booth, containing gifts for teachers and scholars at Ferris Seminary. This met with the cordial support of all, and after much work and considerable expense, October 7th, 1887, a box containing twenty-one dressed dolls, besides various fancy articles, was shipped to Mrs. Booth.

We must not forget the Helen E. Aycrigg Mission “Band” connected with our Auxiliary. We may justly feel proud of what it has done and hopes to accomplish. Two years ago the Band was organized. The Secretary writes: “With loving hearts we thank Him who has prospered and guided us, bringing so many of our number the past year to ‘confess Him before men.’” The membership at first was eight, now increased to thirty-six. It was decided to devote sixty dollars to support a student in Japan, who after another year’s study will be fitted for the ministry. The Band is encouraged and hopeful for God’s blessing on the work in the future.

*Athenia Reformed Church “Mission Band.”*—Twelve meetings of this Society have been held during the year. Nine honorary members and fourteen active members have been enrolled. The last meeting was delayed by the prevalence of scarlet fever among the members of the Band. Six deaths have occurred. Over one hundred dollars has been raised by these young girls for missions; fifty dollars has been ap-

propriated to foreign missions through the Woman's Board.

[We feel that these faithful workers for Christ are entitled to great praise for their efforts through so much sickness and trial.—*Home Sec.*]

*Blawenburg Reformed Church.*—This Society was organized a year ago, has sixty members, and "earnest Christian hearts are engaged in it, who desire to do what they can for the blessed Master." Twenty dollars has been sent to Amoy for the support of a pupil in that Mission.

*Bergen South Reformed Church.*—The Auxiliary in this Church is making good progress in missionary work. The collectors are very faithful and the contributions have increased. At one of the meetings the Pastor met with the ladies and gave missionary intelligence of great interest, thus stimulating zeal for the cause and for our work. At another meeting a paper by Mrs. Sangster was read with much pleasure and profit by one of the members, contributing very largely to the success of the work the ladies are trying to accomplish.

*Brooklyn Church on the Heights.*—Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church on the Heights reports continued interest in the woman's branch of the work. "The annual collection has been taken and has not fallen short of the amount raised in previous years, while the prayers of the Church are with those brave women who are spending their lives in foreign lands, doing the work of the Lord.

Mrs. Bainbridge addressed the Society on the twenty-fifth of March, and spoke most instructively of the good being accomplished through faithful women in India."

*Brooklyn, E. D., First Reformed Church.*—"Our Society is still supporting a native teacher in the Female Seminary at Vellore. During the past winter we have been prevented from having a large attendance at our meetings, as, with the exception of one session, the weather was very stormy."



Heretofore we have been rather too modest in making our Society public, but we intend to hold an annual evening meeting this Spring, inviting ladies and gentlemen, so that all of the congregation may become better acquainted with what we are doing.

The 'Chrystal Society' of young ladies increases in interest. Since Christmas the members have met semi-monthly. They are educating a girl in the Ferris Seminary, have received her school reports regularly, and lately have been informed that she has united with the Church."

*Caatsban Reformed Church.*—The Secretary of this Auxiliary writes as follows: "This closes the tenth year since our organization. Our Auxiliary still pursues the even tenor of its way. We are in a prosperous condition, the usual interest among the members, nearly eighty in number, yet we do not grow as we would wish. Very few additions the past year, and there are a number in our congregation who have not joined us. Perhaps the fault lies among its members. Truly it is a blessed privilege to labor in such a cause. We do not feel this as we should; we may not be making prayerful and self-denying sacrifices; we should besiege the Throne of Grace. Without prayer we cannot expect a blessing. It is our only anchor of hope for the life of our Auxiliary or for any blessed fruits from its labors.

We have lost one valued member since the year commenced, by death; she has left us and joined the Church triumphant. This is the only link broken in our ranks, for which we should be grateful, while we mourn for the departed. May we by God's grace be quickened in labors abundant—'for the night cometh.' Let us commence the new year with fresh courage, and seek to have our own souls rekindled, and thus receive grace and strength for consecrated activity.

*Cedar Grove Reformed Church, Wis.*—The year's report of this Auxiliary closes with thankfulness to God who has thus enabled the members of the Society to be co-workers with

Him in promoting this blessed cause of foreign missions. The contributions remain the same as last year, but there seems to be an increase of interest in the subject of missions. "Monthly meetings are to be held in future. The Manual of Missions was received, and some chapters translated into the Dutch language for the benefit of the Dutch people who do not understand English. This is to be continued until the whole book has been translated, giving useful information, and making all familiar with the mission work of our Church, and we believe this will fill our hearts with love for the same."

*Colt's Neck Reformed Church.*—This Society reports having raised during the year thirty-five dollars and eighty-five cents, in addition to the twenty-five dollars which has been a special contribution from Mrs. Frank Heyer for three years past to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. There are a few of the ladies, the Secretary writes, very much interested in the work of the Woman's Board, but there is a want of any interest on the part of others in helping on this good work. It is hoped and desired that those who have not yet responded will add their gifts another year. Miss Nettie Heyer is to be made a life member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

*Coxsackie Reformed Church.*—This Auxiliary has been progressing during the past year, and the meetings have been quite well sustained; and the annual donation to the Woman's Board amounted to one hundred dollars. The principal work has been with the children. Last spring a Children's Mission Band was started and jugs provided for the gifts. There was an average attendance of about twelve, and in December the children had a sale of articles made and contributed, amounting to another hundred dollars. The jugs when broken yielded twenty-three dollars. This work made the Band very popular, and there has been an increase in numbers. The Secretary says, "Our strength as a Church must lie with the children—how to interest them intelligently in the cause is a question of great importance."

*Clove Branch Reformed Church.*—The Auxiliary in this Church is preparing a box for India to be forwarded in May, and the Society is organizing Mission Bands, meeting monthly for this object. Three of the Bands are now in operation, and it is hoped a fourth one will be formed. The Secretary writes—"We rejoice greatly over the enthusiasm kindled in many hearts by this means. It is our belief that the intimate knowledge gained of this great work will bear good fruit in years to come." The contributions for foreign missions from this Auxiliary are one hundred dollars for the past year.

*Canajoharie Reformed Church.*—There has been no retrograde movement in this Auxiliary. While a few have been lost by removal, their places have been filled by new members, and the amount of collections is about the same as last year. The missionary spirit is increasing in the congregation. A missionary conference held in this church recently, the Secretary writes, was "most interesting and instructive, and hopes are entertained that it will tell in the work in the future. We press on with courage, believing that the Master will care for His work in all parts of His vineyard, and that our 'mite' in His providence will accomplish something for His glory."

*Esopus Reformed Church.*—This Society was organized January, 1884, and re-organized August, 1886, when it became auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, and the membership at last report numbered thirty-eight. The annual meeting is held the first Wednesday in March. This Auxiliary has contributed the past year seventy-seven dollars to foreign missions, twenty dollars of which was appropriated to the support of a pupil in the Mission of our Church at Amoy, China.

*Freehold, N. J., Second Reformed Church.*—This Auxiliary reports: "Our work during the past year has been so like to

that of the preceding year as to give little that is new or different to chronicle of it; but as a means to an end a brief retrospect may serve a purpose and help to inspire us to take up with renewed zeal and love the work we may not lay down at the close of the year, but which constantly demands greater sacrifice and effort on our part; for has not the missionary work of our Church been so owned and blessed of God as to have enlarged greatly beyond the support heretofore given it, and is there not a NECESSITY laid upon us to come up to its increased demands and to practice a higher standard of Christian giving? Yea, verily, the answers to our prayers in one direction may carry with them a greater weight of responsibility in another.

The monthly meetings have been well sustained during the year, though not as largely attended as we could wish. Our aim is to make them as interesting and profitable as possible. Different leaders are appointed, and we are about to take up the topics as suggested for each month by "The Mission Field."

A delightful social gathering of the congregation was held at the parsonage on the evening of February, 28th, when the mite boxes were brought in for their second annual count. A very pleasing programme, consisting of dialogues, recitations and singing, was furnished by the young members of the 'Buds of Promise' Mission Band, under the supervision of our Pastor's wife. A table of fancy articles for sale in an adjoining room indicated that their hands had also been busy in missionary work.

As the result of their sales and the use of mite boxes their second annual offering amounted to eighteen dollars (\$18), which is nearly four times more than their first offering. Would that ALL the offerings into the Lord's treasury might increase in the same ratio year by year!

Our own receipts are larger than of any preceding year, the amount raised from collections, contributions and mite boxes being one hundred and eleven dollars and forty-four cents. Including the sum from the Mission Band, we have forwarded eighty-five dollars to the Treasurer of the Wo-

man's Board of Foreign Missions. We count it a privilege as well as a duty to have been able to 'help just a little' in spreading the glad tidings at home and abroad; but while *so much* still remains to be done, let us be ever stirring to do *more*, and so shall we help to hasten the coming of our King, before whom 'every knee shall bow,' and 'every tongue confess' him Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

*Farmer Village, N. Y., Reformed Church.*—"On looking over the records of the past year, we find that we have not increased in numbers. Removals, sickness and death have broken our ranks, and to indifference we must ascribe part of it.

We feel our isolation. We are so far removed from the great heart of our Reformed Church (but one other beside our own in all this region of country), that we feel that the life blood beats more feebly than it otherwise would for the want of companionship, that our pulses might quicken could we be in sympathy and union with our sister Churches in our own and adjoining counties. Then, too, we are without a Pastor. But notwithstanding all these discouragements, we are glad that we can report that the average attendance at our monthly meetings has been characterized by a deeper interest, and a more determined zeal to press on for the Master. Thankful for this, with courage we enter upon the duties of the new year, grateful to our Heavenly Father that He permits us to be co-laborers in the world's great field of missions.

*Flatbush Reformed Church, N. Y.*—A meeting of special interest was held by this Auxiliary last May, at which time the ladies were favored with the inspiring words of Mrs. Dr. Jacob Chamberlain. Tracing on a map her missionary field, she gave a very impressive and instructive idea of her work, particularly with the women and girls of the Arcot Mission in India. A number of questions were answered as only a living witness can do. The services intensified the Christian zeal of all present. As one result, a small box of various

patterns of needlework for the use of the girls in the school of Mrs. Chamberlain, was secured by the efforts of the Treasurer. The report further says : " During nine months the collectors have reported seventy-five dollars and sixty cents contributed for missions. We are confident that a more wide-spread spirit of ' cheerful ' giving is needed by a large proportion of our Church. Upon the devoted Mary, who poured the costly ointment upon our Saviour's body, our Lord bestowed the undying encomium, ' she hath done what she could.' The Apostles were ' indignant at the waste,' but Mary's Lord has recorded the eternal praises of her loving act for an example to all followers of Jesus. Who of us are willing to rear such a monument of Christian love for Jesus, in telling the story of the garden, the cross, and the sepulchre to the millions of ' lost souls ' in all nations? The missionary spirit and work inheres in the very name of Christian. Its life is always breathed from Christ, ' who is our life,' into every new-born soul."

*Franklin Park, N. J., Missionary Guild.*—"The fifth year of the Missionary Guild has come to its close, and to-day I think our feeling should be that of thanksgiving. God surely has given us a successful year, and five of them.

The letters we receive from our beneficiaries are surely very encouraging. One of them writes to us in our own language, and stands among the first of her class ; while the other, her teacher assured us, is a bright, good child. ' God bless them,' and may they become bright and shining lights in their homes and land.

We have held eleven meetings during the past year. The average attendance has been ten, and the average collection forty-seven (47) cents. We received three new members this year, our roll at present numbering twenty-six.

We have started two or three new ideas—that of having as many of the young gentlemen as are willing be associate members of our Society, and the payment of a certain fixed sum by those who are members but do not attend our meetings.

We have also enlarged by taking the Taylor Mission Circle of Pleasant Plains, with fourteen members, as our auxiliary in the good work. Our Treasurer's report shows an increase in our receipts over those of last year. Now, with all these blessings given to our work, let us be all the more faithful and earnest, praying for and expecting a richer blessing in the years to come than we have received in the past year."

*Gifford Reformed Church, N. Y.*—One year ago the Ladies' Missionary Society of the "Reformed Church of Princeton" was organized, each member to pay at the rate of one penny per week, and more if disposed. The membership now numbers eighty-two; the meetings have been held monthly, with three exceptions when bad weather prevented. The ladies are educating a child in the Amoy Mission, and are hopeful for the future. The writer says, "Remembering that it is not by might nor by power, but through the feeblest instrumentality glorious results follow, we are not discouraged in our efforts."

*Gravesend Reformed Church, L. I.*—Twelve meetings have been held by this Auxiliary during the year, and it now has a membership of fifty-six. Every lady in the congregation has been invited to join the Society, through the generous co-operation of the tract distributors. Two letters have been received from Miss Scudder in regard to Elizabeth Anthony, the beneficiary of the Auxiliary, who has now married. The Society propose to support another pupil, in connection with the boy being educated by them in Dr. Chamberlain's school. More members have been added and more money raised than in any previous year.

*Gibbsville, Reformed Church, Wis.*—The Auxiliary in this Church is supporting a native helper in India at a cost of eighty dollars a year. The annual meeting held in September was an encouraging one, with the new Pastor present to lend his aid and sympathy in the work. Committees were

appointed at this meeting to visit each member of the congregation, hoping by this means to greatly increase the interest in the cause of foreign missions.

*Guilderland Centre Church of Helderberg.*—The women of this Society are earnest workers, and their aim is to have every woman in the congregation become a member of it. Ten new names have been added to the register, which now numbers one hundred. The Society has lost a few members by removals, and one death has occurred. Thirty dollars was sent in the autumn to Madanapalle, for the support of the beneficiary, Miriam Sawyer. Quarterly meetings are held at the parsonage, and monthly meetings at the houses of the ladies throughout the congregation, so that within the year all parts of the congregation have a like opportunity to see and learn how the work is carried on.

*Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.*—This Auxiliary has increased in numbers, and the faithful ones are ever ready to do the Master's work. On account of distance and bad roads the meetings have not been regularly held. It is hoped that favorable weather will enable the Society to do more for the cause in the coming year, and all will be encouraged to greater effort.

*Ghent Reformed Church.*—With some exceptions the meetings of this Auxiliary have been regularly held, and the object for which the Society was organized has been strictly kept in view. The Secretary reports an increasing interest, which is apparent in the attendance of the members as well as the presence of frequent visitors, the average attendance being fifteen, which is an increase of five over other years. The roll of membership suffered by the removal of the Pastor's family: Mrs. Drury, the Secretary was rarely absent from the meetings. An accession however has been received from the new Pastor's family and others from the Congregation. Our membership is now forty-seven. Readings from missionary papers and periodicals, and occasionally a visit



from the Pastor, with helpful, encouraging words, are always timely, suggestive and inspiring.

The Anniversary of this Auxiliary was held in the First Reformed Church, April 29th. Excellent music and singing, readings, an essay, and a poetical composition were admirably rendered. These exercises were followed by an address from a Lutheran neighbor listened to with interest. Two young ladies sang the hymn entitled "Go speed the joyful tidings." A novel feature, and one which served to increase contributions was the passing of contribution boxes by the ladies. The Secretary closes the seventh annual report of the Society with encouraging prospects and hopes for another year.

*Harlem First Collegiate Church.*—"During the past year quarterly meetings of our Society have been held, at which interesting papers have been read by different ladies, giving an account of the kind of work being done in the three great fields of our Reformed Church, and the progress being made.

At one of our meetings we had the privilege of having with us Mrs. Chamberlain, the wife and good helper of the well-known and greatly beloved Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, of the India Mission; and she gave us some very vivid testimony of the trials and triumphs of the Gospel Work in Hindustan. We also, in common with all of our church people, had the pleasure one Sabbath morning of hearing a most eloquent and touching address by Dr. Chamberlain, and we all became so much interested in the good Doctor's plan for a Theological Seminary in India, that our Church, in connection with her young sister, the Second Reformed Church, unitedly pledged ourselves for two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to establish a perpetual scholarship in it.

Last Spring we adopted the plan of using missionary boxes, hoping thus to increase our contributions for the year, and we succeeded in getting eighty of these boxes taken by members of our Church and congregation. The taking of one of these boxes and contributing systematically to it, constitutes one a member of our Society.

The opening of these little treasuries of the Lord took place at our annual meeting in March, and we were glad to find that the result of our plan of giving "a penny a day and a prayer" was quite successful. Our contribution to the fund of the General Board this year amounts to two hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$264), which is a large increase over what our Church has been accustomed to give. We believe that the money thus cheerfully given, and accompanied by so many prayers, will be the means of doing great good, and we hope the coming year will find our Society and our Church still more zealous, and liberal, and prayerful, for the cause of our dear Lord and Master."

*Hackensack First Reformed Church.*—This Auxiliary is in a flourishing condition. This is indicated by the increased attendance, the average the past year being ten or twelve, and this year the average attendance is twenty-two. It is a matter to be thankful for that the cause is gaining interest in the hearts of the ladies. Since last March one hundred and sixty-four dollars has been received. There was a balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year of one hundred and twelve dollars. It was concluded that more frequent meetings would be the means of strengthening interest, and monthly meetings are now held by the Society.

*Hudson Reformed Church.*—Tenth annual report: "In reviewing the work of this, the tenth year of our Foreign Missionary Society, we regret that we have been unable to contribute as largely as usual to the Women's Board. No less money has been raised in our Society, but a portion of our funds was given for a special object, and has not been devoted through the channel of the Woman's Board. Early in the year a strenuous effort was made in our Church to raise a large sum for Dr. Chamberlain. We are thankful that this effort was successful, although it undoubtedly affected the treasury of our Ladies' Society, and we have not been able to increase our offering as we hoped.

Our meetings have been held bi-monthly, with a fair

average attendance. The time of our annual meeting has been changed from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in March. Our contribution to the support of our protegee in India has been sent to the Woman's Board. In December we enjoyed a visit from the Rev. E. C. Scudder. A number of interesting letters from our mission fields have been read, and Mrs. M. E. Sangster kindly sent to us her paper on the 'Present Aspect of the Foreign Mission Cause among Women.' This was read at our January meeting with profit to all. May this brief retrospect lead us to enquire, 'Are we doing what we can to promote the good work which God has [given our Christian women to do?]' The near future is full of glorious opportunities for usefulness. May we gladly embrace them."

*High Bridge Reformed Church, N. Y.*—The interest in missionary work in this Auxiliary is on the increase. Seven new members have been enrolled during the year, making thirty-nine now on register. The meetings have continued to be very interesting. Ten of the members have assumed the support of a pupil in the school at Amoy. The writer says: "It has pleased the Master to increase our usefulness for which we are truly grateful."

*High Bridge Reformed Church, N. J.*—The Missionary Society of High Bridge has been organized two years, and has forty members. The annual fee for membership is fifty-two cents. Meetings are held monthly, and papers on missionary topics assigned to different members of the Society, which are read at the meetings. Selections from the "Intelligencer" give interest on these occasions. Several of the members subscribe for the "Mission Field," and the interest in the work is ever increasing.

*Irving Park Reformed Church, Ill.*—The membership in this Auxiliary at the time of the annual meeting was thirty. Three collectors are appointed to receive subscriptions. The collections for the past year have amounted to eighty-five dollars and forty-seven cents.

*Holland, Mich., First and Third Reformed Churches.*—The Society representing the First and Third Churches of Holland has held eight meetings during the year in behalf of foreign missions. Three of the most faithful co-laborers and contributors in this Society have been called to the rest and reward of heaven. The Secretary writes: "We are grateful that we have been privileged during another year to assist in carrying forward the Saviour's command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' As we are about to enter on another year, we implore God's blessing to enable us to do more for the advancement of this blessed cause.

The Young Ladies' Society of these Churches continues faithful in the work and contributed to foreign missions during the year eighty-four dollars and ninety-eight cents.

*Hope Church Auxiliary.*—The monthly meetings of this Auxiliary have been held regularly by a faithful few. Although there has been no increase in membership there has been an increased interest by those in attendance.

The "Young Ladies' Mission Circle," organized in this Church in November, is well attended, with a manifest earnestness. It is very encouraging to see the young people preparing themselves for the work which after a few years will be their's alone to do.

*Jersey City Second Reformed Church.*—The Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society of the Second Reformed Church reports as follows: "Our meetings have been held monthly, with the exception of the summer months. We have fifty-three members, for, although some of the former members have removed from the city, and others have gone to their everlasting home, their places have been filled with new ones. The interest has continued and the attendance about as usual. The two girls who were educated in Miss Talmage's school in Amoy, by the gifts of two ladies in this Society, have married native helpers. The reports from them were uniformly excellent, and their success has been ample reward

for the generosity of their benefactors. Two other girls are to be selected and educated by the same ladies.

We are glad to learn that the Mission Gleaner is to be continued, as we feel that it meets a need nothing else will satisfy, being full of news in short chapters, which one can take up and read for a moment if in a hurry, and the news is presented in a most agreeable manner.

*Jersey City, Bergen Reformed Church.*—The twelfth anniversary of this Society was held May 22, 1887. The Rev. Wm. J. Chamberlain gave an address on the dignity and solemnity of human life, and of associated effort as the great factor in the world's enterprise. He closed with a stirring appeal to the women of the Reformed Church to use every means in their power to better their condition of their sisters in India. The Treasurer reports the receipts two hundred and seventeen dollars and six cents for the year.

During the past year, in addition to the regular quarterly meetings, a portion of each monthly prayer meeting has been devoted to the consideration of mission work. The attendance has greatly increased. The meetings have been unusually interesting, from the fact that the members have considered in order the countries in which our own and other missionaries are laboring. Besides papers on Japan, India, China, Syria and Africa, an address has been made by Miss Franks, a returned missionary from South America. The ladies of the Church heretofore uninterested are cordially invited to join the Society, with the assurance that they will be more than repaid.

*Jersey City, Greenville Reformed Church.*—"To-day we celebrate our eighth birthday, and feel very much encouraged, as the past year has been one of prosperity in our Society. The membership has increased and much more interest has been shown in mission work. We have held regular monthly meetings during the year, which have been well attended and made interesting by items of interest selected by the 'Programme Committee,' and read by different members

of the Society, taking principally as a subject Africa, India, and our great West, studying the people and their customs. Our mode of collecting the money is the same, that is, the 'envelope system;' each person putting the amount they subscribe in monthly, and depositing it in the box for that purpose at the church door.

In January we received a letter from our Japanese protegee, which gave a pleasing and encouraging account of her studies, also a letter from Mrs. Booth.

We now start upon another year with earnest purpose. What possibilities lie before us? We invite new recruits to our Society, and hope many will hear the call, and not only cheer us by their presence but aid us with their money. And thus with God's blessing we will do, we trust, a nobler work.

*Kingston, Fair Street Reformed Church.*—The organization of the Auxiliary in this Church was made in 1878, with a larger membership than it has at present, other Societies diverting the contributions, but all is for the upbuilding of Christ's cause. The meetings have been well attended. This year it was proposed, in order to increase interest and enthusiasm in the work, that the Auxiliary support a Chinese girl, naming her after one of the Pastor's wives. A letter was written to Miss Mary Talmage, of Amoy, who replied that nearly all the girls in their school were subject to removal at any time, either by their parents or guardians. She has but two in her school at present over whom she has control, and they are already supported by other Societies; and thinks it a better plan to send the money directly to the Board to be appropriated as they think best.

*Metuchen Reformed Church, N. J.*—The meetings of this Auxiliary are held monthly, and a pleasant hour is spent in discussing the various fields of labor, following the order arranged in the "Mission Field." Dr. Pearson's "Crisis of Missions" has afforded invaluable aid in this respect. Letters have been read from those in foreign fields, and the

Society has had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Booth in regard to her work. The Secretary writes: "We feel encouraged to try and do more, bearing in mind His words, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"

*Mahwah, N. J., Reformed Church.*—"The work in this Auxiliary is carried on in the manner it was begun, contributions being made by means of the envelope system, quarterly meetings held on Saturday afternoons preceding Communion Sundays, at the lecture room or parsonage.

The Secretary writes: "Although we have a number of new names enrolled, our membership is still about the same, or perhaps smaller, as some of the first members have moved away, and others ceased to contribute, hence we regret to state that the sum raised this year is less than that raised the two years previous, it being fifty dollars (\$50.00). A motion was made and carried that said amount be appropriated to institute two of our members 'Life Members.'

The 'Mission Gleaner,' which has been circulated in our midst, will be a means, we trust, of familiarizing the people with the work in foreign lands, and thus make the cause of missions more interesting.

Last September we were favored by a visit from Rev. W. I. Chamberlain just before he sailed for India. He occupied the pulpit both morning and evening, giving interesting sketches of mission work, also of the customs and manners of the heathen, making impressions especially upon the youthful minds, by exhibiting the bits of stone which the benighted call 'gods.' May the coming year find us more earnest and successful in every 'good word and work.'

*New York, Sixth Avenue Reformed Church.*—Annual Report of Ferris Auxiliary: "We have come to the twelfth milestone in the history of our Society—twelve years of *hard work* for the Master. How sweet the work has been!

Twelve is a Bible number—there were twelve Rulers in Israel—twelve Apostles to herald the Christian era—twelve

wells of water at Elim—twelve stones from the waters of Jordan. We cannot speak here of all the Bible twelves, for our Society is the theme to-night. Counting the one who has led us in song during the year, there are twelve who bear rule in it.

Our special field of labor is Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan. Beside our regular monthly subscriptions towards its support, during the summer months we prepared a Christmas Box of fancy articles, books, etc., valued at fifty dollars (\$50.00), which was sent in October. By special offerings we have again raised thirty dollars (\$30.00) to continue the education of our boy in Madanapalle, India, whose name you will remember is W. B. Merritt.

At our February meeting we were honored with the presence of Mrs. J. Chamberlain, who gave us a very delightful account of the work being done in Madanapalle, also of the great work yet to be done. In March, Mrs. E. S. Booth gave us an equally interesting statement of the work in Ferris Seminary.

Neither have we depended entirely on speakers for news from afar; our 'Information Committee' have from time to time brought us the latest and best missionary intelligence. Beside this, a new inspiration has been given to our Society through the goodly reports brought us by the Delegates who attended the General Missionary Conference at New Brunswick, and also the Conference of the Classis of New York.

Nor must we fail to acknowledge the benefits derived from the very excellent letters from our missionaries in Japan, India and China. We would also remember the honor our Society has in being represented in the 'Woman's Missionary Union' of the Classis of New York.

Dear friends, we have tried to give a simple statement of the work our Society has been permitted to do, and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the privilege of being co-workers with the Master in spreading the Gospel in all the world. Yes, the joy it gives more than repays for all the toil of the journey; nay, more, as we remember the twelve stones of Jordan, which marked a hard journey ended.



in the land of promise, a land of rest, we are also reminded, if we are faithful to our trusts, our end, too, shall be rest—rest in the New Jerusalem, where is the ‘tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits for the healing of the nations.’”

*New York City, Collegiate Church, 5th Avenue and 48th Street.*—It is seven years last December, writes the Secretary, since our auxiliary was organized. After appropriating two hundred and fifty dollars to the support of the Girls’ School, we have every year been enabled to contribute something to the aid of the Parent Board. Our subscriptions this year amounted to four hundred and ninety-eight dollars. Our ladies had the privilege not long since of listening to a very comprehensive and interesting review of the work of the Woman’s Board by the Rev. Dr. Cobb, and at our last meeting we had a thrilling address from the Rev. Lewis Scudder, M. D. His earnest nature, no less than his careful training, fit him for the work that he has chosen, and we trust there may be no delay in sending him to the field where he is so much needed.

*New York, Madison Avenue Reformed Church.*—Of this auxiliary the Secretary writes: “The attendance at our monthly meetings has grown somewhat larger, and in response to a circular letter sent to the ladies of the congregation, many very kind answers were received assuring us of sympathy although unable to attend the meetings. From these we received generous gifts. The meetings have been varied and full of interest, largely due to the earnestness of our President. Papers prepared by the members and missionary letters, with a few moments devoted to hearing facts gleaned in reading, fill the hour very delightfully. In February we had the pleasure of hearing Layyah Barricat. Every heart was stirred as she told of her experience in her native land, and how she heard of the Saviour. There has been pledged a little over eight hundred dollars; this shows greater interest as many of the subscriptions are not large. We hope to have every one doing something in this blessed work.

*New Brunswick First Reformed Church.*—This auxiliary is in a prosperous condition. Attendance on the meetings, contributions, and interest increasing. The meetings are held semi-monthly, but on the first Tuesday of each month a literary meeting is held, at which time a paper prepared on the subject of missions is presented to the ladies. The first anniversary of the Society was held in September; Mrs. Conklin read an interesting paper on Foreign missions. Mrs. Morrison of Montclair, N. J., a returned missionary from China has met the members of the society and given her personal experience of work in that country. The beneficiary supported by the Auxiliary has written from Ferris Seminary Yokohama, of her conversion to Christ, and joy in believing on the Saviour.

*Nyack Reformed Church.*—This Society has held its monthly meetings the same as in the past few years. There has been a larger attendance than heretofore and much interest has been exhibited. The returns from the mite-boxes, including the one-hundred dollars, which is the "Margaret Blauvelt Memorial," amounts to \$258.08. This amount is appropriated to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to be dispensed at their discretion. The Society also raised another one hundred dollars this year for Mr. Booth, for the Isaac Ferris Seminary in Yokohama, Japan. The Society has been called to mourn the loss by death of Mrs. Charles E. Hageman, one of the oldest and most active members and one of the Managers of the Woman's Board."

*Nyack Mission Band.*—This has been a prosperous year to the members of this earnest band of workers for Jesus. Six new members have been enrolled and the Band now has a membership of twenty-eight. In December there was held a sale of articles made and contributed, from which the sum of sixty-four dollars was realized, the total receipts nearly eighty-eight dollars. Sixty dollars has been sent to the Woman's Board for the support of a girl in the Isaac Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan.

*New Paltz Reformed Church.*—The Secretary of this Auxiliary reports that for some time the attendance at the quarterly meetings held in the lecture room of the church, has been growing smaller. During the past two years the annual reception with supper was the only meeting held. It is now proposed to hold social meetings at the houses of the members, with devotional exercises, and the reading of some articles of an interesting character by ladies selected for the purpose at the previous meeting. A collection will be taken and all present will be invited to remain till the close of the meeting.

*New Hurley Reformed Church.*—This Auxiliary is in a good condition notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, has in a great measure prevented the society from holding regular monthly meetings. In September a returned missionary from Bogota, gave an interesting account of her work in that country. In October Rev. Mr. Fagg, missionary under appointment to China, addressed the ladies, and all who were present felt that the occasion was one of the deepest interest. A member of this society has been accepted as a missionary to Japan. Three new books have been purchased for the use of the auxiliary, viz: "Mission Stories of Many Lands," "Along River and Road in Fuh-Rien," "Among the Turks." It is the intention to purchase other books as it may be thought best, both useful and instructive.

*New Utrecht Reformed Church.*—The past year the missionary spirit has been thoroughly aroused in the young people of this Church. A few months ago with the Pastor's wife as their leader, they formed a society, selecting as its name "The Neighbors." They have worked faithfully and by their united efforts in various ways they are enabled to give to the cause of missions over two hundred dollars. Giving through the Ladies' Auxiliary, one hundred dollars to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. To this the Auxiliary adds one hundred and sixty-one dollars and fifty cents, mak-

ing a total of two hundred and sixty-one dollars and fifty cents for this year. The society is resolved that their interest in this exalted work of missions must not subside, feeling deeply the demands of heathen women and children, and their deplorable condition without a knowledge of the Saviour.

*Neshanic Reformed Church.*—The work in this society is carried on as formerly by collecting annual subscriptions. The meetings held quarterly have been well sustained and the dues of the members promptly paid. The loss by death and removals each year is about balanced by accessions. A letter from Mrs. Scudder, Vellore, India, gives a favorable report of the beneficiary supported by the Auxiliary in whom much interest is shown. One hundred and six names are enrolled as members, and the result of the year's work has been very encouraging to this society, which has been in existence four years, and it is believed that a greater zeal for missions has been felt by the Christian ladies of this Church, as they are inspired to labor for this blessed cause.

*North Branch Reformed Church N. J.*—No material change has occurred in regard to this Auxiliary during the past year. Quarterly meetings have been held at the Parsonage with the average attendance of preceeding years. This society organized in February, 1881, with a membership of fifteen, it now numbers sixty and a missionary spirit increasing.

*North Branch Depot Mission "Circle."*—This Mission Circle has increased in interest, ten new members having been added to the roll, making a total of fifteen for the year. The members are energetic and try to hold meetings once a month, although this is sometimes difficult as the congregation is scattered, but through the efforts of those whose hearts are engaged, eighty dollars has been raised and sent to the Woman's Board.

*Newburgh Reformed Church.*—The Secretary of this Auxil-

ary in reviewing the work of the past year finds much to encourage. Although few in numbers, all seem much interested in the work. The society has been favored during the year with a visit from Mrs. Chamberlain, who gave an interesting account of her work in Arcot and exhibited specimens of lace-work done by native women, also their costumes. The society record the death of the former Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Jessup, to whom the cause of Foreign Missions was very dear, and who to the last, did what she could to advance the cause.

*Philadelphia First and Second Reformed Churches.*—Concerning the work of the past year, we feel that the results have been such that we should thank God and take courage; and with hearts full of renewed zeal, press forward to do more earnest work in the field, which is the world.

We have held eight monthly meetings, with an average attendance of eleven, out of a list of twenty managers. This is a better record than appears from the figures, as five or six of our members have been unable to attend on account of sickness. We hope during the coming year to increase our numbers, and thus interest more in the work.

It has been our practice for five years to hold an Annual Social, at that time disposing of the contents of our Missionary Basket, from which we have realized from ninety-one (\$91) to one hundred and forty-one dollars (\$141) a year. This year it was decided to distribute mite-boxes, the contents of which, like those of the basket, are to be divided. About one hundred boxes were scattered through the two congregations, and although they did their silent work for but three months, the results one hundred and eighty-three dollars, were so encouraging that we shall send out the little red boxes into many homes to gather rich stores during the coming year. According to our usual custom we were represented at the Annual Meeting in New York last May, by one of our managers and a young lady from the Young People's Society. Both of these societies were also represented at the Conference held in New Brunswick. We have

found it to be an unfailing result, that whoever attends these Conferences always comes back with heart warm and glowing, and hands more eager than ever to do whatever they can find to do. We feel that the year brought us a rich blessing in the privilege of hearing both Dr. Chamberlain and his son just previous to their departure for India.

In March the Treasurer reported that our year's receipts had been \$635.48.

The interest among the Young Ladies' Society has been steadily increasing. The meetings are held twice in each month and are more largely attended than ever.

*Port Richmond Reformed Church, Staten Island.*—This Auxiliary was organized April 7th, 1884. The society has now on its roll seventy-two names, and has collected in the past year one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents. The contribution to the Woman's Board for the year is seventy-eight dollars and forty-nine cents. The contributions to other sources has lessened the general fund. The Secretary writes, "It is all work for the Master and we earnestly hope He will accept our offering and make it a blessing to those to whom it is sent."

*Paterson First Reformed Church.*—The Auxiliary of the First Church of Totowa held their anniversary April 19th. Mrs. Bainbridge of Brooklyn addressed the meeting, and after listening with great interest to her able remarks, so inspiring was the effect on the members present, all felt a heartfelt desire to do greater and better work for the Master another year. The Society is gaining in membership, and several new subscriptions have been received for the "Gleaner." Fifty missionary boxes have been distributed; nearly one hundred and fifty dollars raised by Auxiliary and Sunday School for missions. Meetings are held the first Friday in each month, and the outlook is very encouraging.

*Paterson Broadway Reformed Church.*—"One year of the existence of the Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign

Missions has rolled around, and we will look over the past and note what progress has been made.

The Society was organized January 19th, 1887, with but few in numbers, but our faith was strong, and each one at the first meetings agreed to urge others to attend and become members of the Society, and now at its close we have forty names on our roll of members.

Death has visited our Society and gathered one of our number to the home above—Mrs. A. Eells, whose name appears among the first on our roll of members.

We have held meetings monthly for the transaction of business and reading of missionary intelligence connected with our work, thereby increasing our interest and gaining considerable information regarding the work accomplished through this agency. The 'Mission Gleaner,' published by our Foreign Board, the 'Christian Intelligencer,' 'Sower,' and other periodicals on missions have been read at these meetings, and have been great helps in making our gatherings interesting. The attendance has been very encouraging.

Besides our membership fees, we wished to follow our Saviour's command to 'gather up the fragments that nothing be lost,' so we scattered among the congregation missionary boxes, and by the littles gathered in quite a harvest, as was manifested when the boxes were called in January 19th, 1888, and the amount of sixty-five dollars and sixty-three cents was announced; and a friend of the cause of missions sent in two memorial gifts of five dollars each, making our total over seventy-five dollars to be appropriated to our missionary work.

In closing our report we all feel grateful in what has been accomplished by united effort, and trust as we have put our hands to the plough we will not turn back, but go forward in the great work, and not only have forty members this next year, but twice or three times forty, and that our missionary boxes may fairly groan under the weight of money to carry on the blessed work of our Master, in this our own land and in foreign lands."

*Puterson Second Reformed Church of Totowa.*—The Secretary of the Auxiliary in this Church writes "In presenting our Annual Report the Secretary takes pleasure in announcing the continued growth and prosperity of the society. We have received eight new members during the year and the funds collected for the Boards exceed by one-third the amount secured during any previous season. The amount forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board is forty-four dollars and seventy-eight cents, to be divided as follows: thirty-five dollars and forty-eight cents as the amount raised in the usual manner by mission boxes, and membership fees, and nine dollars and thirty cents collected as special offering by Miss M. Blauvelt."

*Pompton Reformed Church.*—This Auxiliary which was organized nearly five years ago has successfully continued its work during the past year. Regular monthly meetings are held at which the interest is sustained by reading selections relating to mission work, and also through letters received from various Missionaries, and the Native Catechist and Bible reader in Arcot, whom this auxiliary continues to support. The Anniversary exercises held Sabbath morning April 8th, became the occasion of additional pleasure through the presence of the Rev. Lewis R. Scudder, M. D., whose warm personal magnetism and devotion to the cause of missions, rendered exceedingly vivid his portrayal of the need and work in India. The society has a membership of thirty-nine and devotes the larger part of its receipts to the Foreign field.

*Plainville "Bright Hope Mission Band."*—The Secretary reports: "Our Band is now in a prosperous condition. It numbers between seventy and eighty members of both sexes, young men and maidens, and little children. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month, if weather is favorable. Average attendance about thirty. Out of our band has grown this past year another band called the "Alida Kip Band," in the village of Harlingen. The girl *Chum'a*



whom we have educated, is now through her studies and is engaged to marry a native preacher. We thank the dear Lord for thus owning and crowning our weak work. We have for eight years contributed not only twenty dollars annually, but our earnest prayers have gone with the offering. In giving we have been more than repaid, for our own hearts have been made richer in the Saviour's love, and our thoughts turned to the dark nations, and we have begun to realize the greatness of the field—the world. May God help us to give, not what is left after our own desires are gratified, but from the whole sum, give to the denial of self, those things which we most crave, and which will cost us the most sacrifice.

*Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church.*—The Secretary of this Auxiliary reports as follows: "This auxiliary held its sixth Anniversary, Jan. 9th, 1888. In April an Easter Thank Offering Service was held from which was realized one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents. The collection for the fiscal year amounted to four hundred and fourteen dollars. We have had interesting letters from foreign fields which have inspired our hearts with fresh courage and renewed vigor. Interest in the work grows perceptibly.

*Poughkeepsie Second Reformed Church.*—This society has a recorded membership of thirty-one ladies. Until the present year no regular meetings have been held, although contributions were sent each year to the Woman's Board. In January a new plan was adopted. Officers were elected to fill vacancies, and monthly meetings organized in which the interest and attendance have already greatly increased.

Beside the regular collection a "Thank-Offering Service" was held in March attended and conducted exclusively by the ladies of the Church. An interesting programme was ably rendered by the members of the Girl's Society who hold weekly meetings. No social festivities were held in connection with this service as the ladies preferred it should be entirely of a religious character; the principal theme,

praise and thanksgiving. So large an amount was contributed for the debt of the Foreign Board, and so much interest was shown that it is already suggested that a Thank Offering Service be a regular feature of the year's work of the society. It is also expected that organizations will be completed in the present year among the young ladies and children. The Sabbath School now give to the support of a Missionary in Japan and are educating a young girl there. As this church is represented in the foreign field by the names of Crosby, Pitcher and Scudder, and one "rests from her labors" in India, it is felt by the ladies that there is abundant cause for thanksgiving for such high honor, and incentives for zealous effort in the future.

*Raritan Third Reformed Church, N. J.*—Monthly meetings have been held regularly by the auxiliary in this Church during the past year, and oftener when it has been found necessary. There has been an increase of membership, sixty-one names are now enrolled on the register. Contributions have been raised by membership fees and donations..

The Secretary writes: "We feel humble, but very thankful for the little God has permitted us to do and our prayers go with our gifts that He will use this for His glory, and in the future may we be permitted as a society to do greater work for the Master than in the past."

*Raritan Reformed Church, Illinois.*—"Our society has held regular monthly meetings during the past year. Articles bearing upon missionary work, and occasionally a letter from those actively engaged in the mission field, have been read. The monthly concerts held the first Sunday evening of each month, conducted by our pastor have been a benefit to all, giving us a more intelligent idea of missionary work and awakening a deeper interest in the good cause.

Our society has contributed more this year than any time previous. We feel encouraged in our work, and hope we may be able to do better each succeeding year.

We received a letter the other week from Miss Scudder of

Madanapalle, India, telling us such good news. The young lady we have been supporting united with the Church at their January communion. How it causes our hearts to rejoice.

Surely we are not laboring in vain, but can thank God for the blessing that has attended our feeble efforts.

*Spring Valley Reformed Church.*—The work of this auxiliary has been steadily carried on since the last annual report was presented. Nine meetings have been held, all of which have been attended with interest. The Anniversary exercises were rendered very interesting and instructive by the address of the Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlain. After alluding to the superior benefit of organized effort in the work of Evangelization, he spoke with particular reference to the degraded position of women among the Brahmans, emphasizing the fact that this degradation is imposed upon them by the sacred rights of their religion, which binds their consciences with a force equal to that which binds us to the commands Holy Scripture.

At the May meeting Mrs. John Murray of the North China Mission (Presbyterian) gave a talk to the ladies upon the nature of her Missionary life and work in that part of the Empire. Her remarks, which flowed from a full heart, with ready utterance, were very entertaining and instructive.

At the last annual meeting it was decided to canvass the congregation for contributions in October and November. One hundred and twenty-eight visits have been made for this purpose, and one new member obtained.

The great and abundant blessings that have resulted from the work of Foreign Missions are calculated to make every Christian woman desirous of having a hand in it. In China all classes and both sexes are accessible to the Gospel; those who bitterly opposed now come forward and ask for it. We must not fail to notice the fact of China's Imperial proclamation that Christians shall be protected throughout the Empire.

In India we gaze with astonishment at the results pro-

duced by the labors of our Missionaries among such vast multitudes. In Japan we rejoice in the mighty strides that have been made in the direction of Christian Schools and Colleges. It is said that over twenty-two hundred students in our Colleges and theological seminaries have promised their lives to the Foreign Missionary service.

God is giving large answers to the prayers of his people in opening wide the doors of the Gospel among millions of heathen. It only remains for the church to arise in her strength and by her liberality in sending forth laborers to show her sincerity when she prays "Thy Kingdom come."

*Saugerties Reformed Church.*—The Secretary writes: "We are happy to be able to report at the end of this year an increase in our membership; we have now forty-five members. Our monthly meetings have been sustained and proved interesting; the average attendance has been larger than on previous years. We have taken up in turn the subject of missions in different lands, and gained much valuable information as well as enjoyment from the exercise. Mrs. Barrakat gave in February her lecture on "Missions and the story of her life." The proceeds after all expenses were paid, realized thirty-four dollars, fifteen of which was the result of a special effort on the part of the Mission Band. They have also kept up semi-monthly meetings and prepared and sent a box by Mrs. Chamberlain, containing gifts for the Mission School at Madanapalle, in which they are especially interested and keeping up an occasional correspondence with Miss Scudder.

The total amount of contributions sent to the Woman's Board this year is one hundred dollars. This does not include twenty-five dollars sent for a life membership for one of our society.

In closing we hope and pray that another year may prove still more successful for us and the mission cause."

*Somerville Second Reformed Church.*—In reviewing the work of the W. F. M. Society of the Reformed Church of Somerville, N. J., it is a pleasure to note the increased interest which has

been manifested. The regular meetings have been more largely attended, and more enthusiasm and inquiry has characterized them.

In looking for the cause, the Secretary is inclined to trace it to the influence of the Missionary Conference held under the auspices of Classis in this and the adjoining towns; and to the earnest presentation of the Missionary cause by our Pastor, Rev. E. G. Read.

At the September meeting the ladies were favored by an address by the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D. D., which was greatly enjoyed. As a result of these different influences there has been a large increase in the membership of the society, and we enter upon the new year with strong hope and anticipations of greater usefulness.

*Stuyvesant Reformed Church.*—At the ladies' prayer meetings held monthly during the year in this Church, the cause of missions has been remembered and our work and its need has been the subject of earnest prayers. At the business meetings of the society missionary intelligence has been secured to add interest to the occasion. Quarterly meetings have also been held, and a marked growth of interest in this work is observed. At the meeting held in March the Missionary Boxes were opened with gratifying results. The enthusiasm manifested by the ladies gives great cause for encouragement, and the society is stronger than it was a year ago.

*Schenectady First Reformed Church.*—The attendance at the meetings of this auxiliary has been such that it shows the ladies are interested in this work. A number are taking the *Mission Gleaner* and have done so since its first issue. For the current year the Mission Field is extensively circulated. Interesting letters from different ladies containing missionary intelligence have been read at the meetings, thus stimulating the members in their work.

The "Griffis Band" is in a flourishing condition and has raised fifty dollars, and the auxiliary one hundred dollars for

the Woman's Board for missions, both sums to be used at the discretion of the Board. The Secretary feels that this amount is inadequate to the needs of the field, but although the society has done well, trusts for a more abundant blessing on their efforts in the future.

*Tappan Reformed Church.*—This auxiliary reports a prosperous year, has held the largest meeting in its history and the membership larger than last year as a whole, twenty-six in the foreign department. The printed circular invitations have done excellent service in keeping the work before the minds of those hindered by distance or other circumstances from regular attendance at the meetings. The society has lost both its President and Secretary, the former by removal from the place, the latter by removal to that land from which there is no return. Both faithful helpers will be missed very much, and it is not easy to see the reason of the Lord's will in these losses, but one day his purpose will be revealed and we shall be led to adore His love and wisdom in all these events.

The society has been addressed by Rev. Cornelius Blauvelt, Rev. David M. Talmage and Rev. George Siebert. A letter has been received from Miss Scudder in Madanapalle, and later a letter was received from the little girl, the beneficiary of the society. It was dictated by Parimba herself, written by an older sister and surprisingly well expressed. Earnest prayers are offered for her conversion that she may become an efficient worker for Christ.

*Utica Reformed Church, Annual Report.*—"Within the past year this society has held six meetings, (there being the usual interruption during the Summer months when so many of our members are absent from the city) with an average attendance corresponding fairly to that of previous years. We have been much disappointed not to have been able to win the active interest and sympathy of a large proportion of the women of our Church, for we feel that it is the Church itself even more than the cause of missions that suffers; when this

question of a world's salvation—the most momentous God calls upon his children to consider—is neglected. But all we can do is to “strengthen the things that remain” not giving up the hope of better things in the future.

In the early part of the year we met with a very severe loss in the death of Mrs. Emma Mann, one of the original members of our society, and one of the most generous and faithful of its friends. Her regular attendance at our meetings, her unfailing interest in our work, have been and will continue to be sorely missed.

Foreign Missions, one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and ten cents (\$137.10) have been contributed during the year. A somewhat smaller sum than for the two previous years; we regret this especially because of the new work upon which the Reformed Church has just entered, that of medical mission work for women, it is a subject upon which some of our members have thought much and prayed earnestly and in a brief retrospect of the ten years work of our society given at the last annual meeting, the wish and hope were strongly expressed that the way might be opened for the Church to undertake this most beneficent work. “While we were yet speaking” God had heard, for in the very next number of the *Intelligencer* the announcement was made that the young Chinese lady, Miss King, had offered herself to the Woman's Board for this purpose and been accepted. It is our earnest desire that we may have some share in this beautiful work and help to make it a glorious success.

The children of our Sunday School have contributed during the past year in money, eighty-four dollars (\$84) for missionary purposes, part of this was devoted to the support of a girl in the mission school at Vellore, a responsibility which the Sunday School assumed several years ago, and has continued faithfully to fulfil.

In November the annual meeting of our “Classical Association” was held at Syracuse, where our society was represented by four of our ladies—they brought home a glowing report of the interest of the meeting. One or two of the

papers read were the contributions of members of our society.

There is nothing more to add to this short record of a year's work, unless it be to express the hope that even the little we have been able to do has been for the glory of our Lord and the good of His cause, and that our very disappointments and discouragements may only confirm our resolution to press forward "forgetting the things that are behind and reaching out toward the things that are before" for the sake of "the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus." May this glorious hope stimulate us to work as never before, so that not only we, but also those to whom we are trying to send the "Water of Life" may meet us there and be the "stars in our crown of rejoicing." Only a few days after this report was read the writer was very suddenly translated to the Kingdom above. The society has decided to educate in part a girl in Sturges' Seminary, Nagasaki, Japan, and name her Maggie W Wendover, as a memorial of this esteemed Treasurer who for over nine years faithfully performed the duties of the office.

*Upper Red Hook Reformed Church.*—Tenth Annual Report of the Scudder Memorial Auxiliary. The members of this auxiliary have held monthly meetings during the year and the usual interest has been sustained. Representatives from the society attended the Woman's Missionary meetings held during the session of General Synod at Catskill in June. A report of Mrs. Chamberlain's address on that occasion was afterwards given to the society. To avoid the dreariness of a Church parlor half filled, residences have been opened for the meetings, and it is found to be productive of a closer spiritual union and benefit to those present. Letters have been received from Mrs. Jared Scudder of Vellore, Miss Talmage of Amoy, and from a native Bible reader supported by a member of the society. The beneficiary of this auxiliary, who is now seventeen years of age, is to be married to a graduate of Arcot Seminary. It is a matter of great rejoicing that the money expended for her education will become the nucleus of a Christian home in India. The society has



voted to appropriate a corresponding sum for the support of a Bible reader. The contributions are raised by the annual fee of one dollar and by regular gifts at the meetings. Carefully prepared papers are written on foreign countries and read at the meetings, and excellent articles from "Pitchers and Lamps" has added interest at these times.

*Warwick Reformed Church.*—The following report is received from this auxiliary. "During the past year this society has held a meeting each month and maintained a steady interest in missionary work. Its membership at present is thirty-seven. Grateful for the opportunities just closed has afforded us, we can only pray that its word and work may be blessed. With the earnest desire that we may have part in extending the Kingdom of our Lord, we take up the work before us in the hope that at last we may share the joy of those who have been redeemed to God out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation."

*Yonkers Reformed Church.*—The Yonkers auxiliary organized in less than two months after the Woman's Board was formed, has now completed the thirteenth year of its history.

Regular monthly meetings are sustained at which time papers are read on some topic of interest in connection with our missions or missionary work abroad. Extracts from religious papers and magazines create a greater interest in the cause and a deeper love for our work. The Secretary has furnished letters intended to give a greater knowledge of the work of the Woman's Board in promoting the work in the Girls' Schools in India, China and Japan, feeling that this will enlarge our sympathies, widen our sphere of thought, enlist heartier co-operation, and bring all into a practical recognition of our privilege as co-laborers together with Christ.

We wish there had been a larger attendance on the meetings; some excuse themselves by asserting that they have not a missionary spirit, and are not qualified to take an active part in these meetings. But if we conscientiously and

prayerfully answer the question "What shall I do then with Jesus?" We shall regard his words; "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Mrs. Howland of Ceylon, wished it might be told in all American Churches, that native Christian women never refuse to pray in social meetings. Is it not a "badge of our discipleship" that we carry out the last demand of our Lord, who in the solemn hour of parting with his disciples said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth;" and although we may not be among that noble band who have sacrificed home, kindred, country, all that the heart holds dear for Christ, we may by our efforts, prayers and gifts, sustain them in their sacrificing efforts to win souls for Him who died the cruel death of the cross that we might live and be eternally blessed. We can throw our interest and influence into these monthly meetings, try and induce others to attend, and contribute to make them successful.

*The Yonkers Mission Band*, auxiliary to the Ladies Missionary Society, began work for the year October 3d, 1887, with an attendance of forty-seven children and seven teachers, which has steadily increased until the present enrollment numbers one hundred and seventy-four children with sixteen teachers. Of the one hundred and seventy-four enrolled, sixty are boys. The band meet in the lecture room every Monday afternoon for one hour. The opening exercises consist in singing a hymn, prayer and a text of Scripture repeated by the children. The classes of girls employ the remaining time in sewing and fancy work, while the boys make rugs and balls. The meeting closes with singing and repeating the Lord's Prayer. During the past five months this band has raised one hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty cents for missionary purposes. It has been accomplished by earnest, faithful work on the part of teachers and children. The Secretary expresses the hope that the lessons taught each week will imbue the minds of these young workers to be helpful to others. The Mission Band has undertaken the

support of Gria Sonndari, our beneficiary in India. The commission of our dear girl to Christ and her public profession of his name, has caused us to be deeply grateful for the answer to our prayers and for the privilege we have enjoyed in contributing in any degree to her advancement and well being.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

During the past year God has seen fit in his unerring wisdom to call home to her rest and reward, the Vice-President of the Yonkers Auxiliary, Miss Sarah Beebe, and also from other auxiliary societies, has come to us the record of loss and bereavement of beloved co-laborers. Mrs. Charles S. Hageman, of Nyack, for many years an active member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, has been called to the higher service of Heaven during the past year. After faithful labors for the Master on earth, these have all been transferred to that "Upper Temple" not made with hands, where they serve Him continually. While we mourn these dear co-laborers, whose unfailing sympathy and aid, whose fidelity to the cause, and to the work to which we are solemnly pledged, can never be forgotten, we feel that the best tribute we can pay their memory, is to unite in earnest prayer for the increased aid of the Holy Spirit, prompting us all to deeper consecration to the work they loved on earth, while seeking earnestly to follow their example, and be influenced by their spirit.

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MRS. JAMES P. CUMMING,

*Home Corresponding Secretary, W. B. F. M.*

## THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

PAPER BY MRS. G. L. VANDERBILT.

THE Reformed Church has been prominently active in the work of Foreign Missions. Among those most conspicuous for their success in laboring among the heathen have been ministers of this Church. With a record such as ours, and with such leading, it seems strange that other denominations should have been in advance of us in forming Missionary Societies among the women of the Church, and that, instead of setting an example in such work, we should have slowly followed where others bravely advanced.

Thus we admit—and, in admitting, we regret—that while other denominations of Christians entered upon the work of enlisting the interest and the service of the women, the very conservative spirit of our Church delayed and procrastinated, and it was not until about twelve years ago that the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was organized.

During all those years, however, the spirit of Missions was not dormant among the women of our Church; their sympathies had meantime been enlisted in the "Woman's Union Missionary Society," that Society having been organized by a prominent member of our Church, and their work was thus diverted from a denominational channel. The willing workers united with that Society, it being the first to call upon them, and by this means the resources which might have been used in support of the Missions of our own Board were to that extent withdrawn from it.

We have no cause to regret the organization of that Society—so fruitful in good results has it been. Even if it diverted a share of the financial aid which under other influences might have been given through denominational channels, that was the price paid for valuable knowledge—the knowledge of a vast power which had hitherto not been employed by the Church—that of woman's work in Missions. Such

mistaken views had been held as to the propriety of women working in the Church, and (perhaps we may venture to add) as to their capacity for work, that we doubt if at that time their offers to assist would have been acceptable, nor would the organization of a Woman's Board have been considered as a welcome accessory to the cause.

Once being engaged in the activity of the Woman's Union Society, it was considered for a long time ungenerous to withdraw from it for the sake of establishing other societies. But we must bear in mind that duties never conflict nor interfere with each other; while we need not withdraw our assistance from that Society, yet our own Church has a claim upon us. If it is not in our power to work for the good of both, then let us concentrate our energies upon the work of our own Church.

Under this determination the women of the Reformed Church organized their Society in 1875. It has slowly but surely and regularly made advancement. If there were obstacles at first, they have been overcome; if there was prejudice in the way, it has disappeared.

There were those inclined to forebode that the work of the women of the Church might interfere with the work of the Synod's Board, instead of being auxiliary to it. There were also those who predicted that the funds collected by the Woman's Board would be just so much diverted from sums which would be given otherwise through the regular channel of the Church Boards. But figures, like actions, speak louder than words, and every year has, in succession, failed to verify this prediction. The sums gathered by the women have been like the bread which Christ blessed to divide among the multitude, the baskets of fragments have been just so much in addition to the unbroken loaves; Synod's Board has had no less, and we have gathered in our baskets of fragments besides. But the work of the Woman's Board has not been ONLY that of gathering fragments, as we propose to show.

That the zeal of the women of our Church would abate in time was another of the troubles predicted by those who

formerly discouraged the attempt to form a Board of Missions among the women of a denomination so small as ours ; but we can give facts to prove the reverse, for their increasing interest is evident in the result which has followed, and the amounts paid\* during successive years into the treasury.

These amounts are so *regular* in their slow but sure increase, that they seem like a reflection of the well-known character of our people, as well as an expression in numbers of their increasing interest in the work.

As such an indication, we give here the returns of each succeeding year in which collections have been given by the Auxiliaries, and through other sources, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

Taking it in round numbers, the returns of twelve years have been as follows :

1875 ... \$2,891	1879....\$8,455	1883 ... \$10,919
1876.... 3,825	1880.... 3,888	1884 ... 12,050
1877.... 4,599	1881.... 8,678	1885.... 15,019
1878.... 7,086	1882.... 10,915	1886.... 16,000

This, added, gives us the total amount of \$109 330.

The Woman's Board has assumed the support of the girls' schools established by Synod's Board, and it is not probable that the women of our Church will ever enter upon work disconnected, or upon the forming of schools other than those established by the Board of the Church.

The sum of \$5,500 has been annually pledged for the support of the three seminaries—one at Amoy, China; one at Yokohama, Japan; and one at Chittoor, India; together with the two caste girls' schools at Vellore.

But while only this sum was *pledged*, the amount given has yearly exceeded that sum, and at the close of the last financial year, the Secretary of the Woman's Board announces in her Annual Report that we have greatly exceeded our pledge, having paid into Synod's Board about \$16,000.

Part of this sum, however, was "due to the beneficence of our venerable President, Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, through her generous gift of \$1,000.

A sum of money has been held in reserve for some years for the purpose of sustaining a girls' school at Nagasaki when required. This has been known as our Nagasaki balance, and when paid in during the past year amounted to nearly \$5,000.

In 1881 the sum of \$2,000 was given to erect a new school building at Holongsu for the school previously held at Amoy.

The sum of \$900 was also appropriated for the use of Mrs. Talmage, to erect a small building at Holongsu for the shelter and accommodation of the native women who flock to the Mission during the rainy season, when they cannot work out in the fields. This has been called the Charlotte W. Duryee Bible School, in memory of our late beloved Foreign Corresponding Secretary, whose heart was so deeply interested in the work.

In 1884 the sum of \$2,500 was given for the enlargement of the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, and a small amount was added for the purchase of charts and text-books, the sum being, if I mistake not, about \$65. Mrs. Sturges at this time also added another \$1,000 to the \$2,000 already given.

There has been an earnest desire on the part of the members of this Board to send out some faithful Christian woman whose education has fitted her to act as a medical missionary. The sum of \$307 was given without solicitation at the first intimation of this desire on the part of the Board, and we believe that when a lady shall be found whose medical education prepares her for this department of Christian work, that there will be no want of funds to support this desirable arrangement, and the healing of the body as well as of the sin-sick soul will lead many of these heathen women to Christ, the great Physician.

The number of Societies auxiliary to the Woman's Board is gradually increasing. Our active Home Corresponding Secretary, who has done so much excellent Christian work in this direction, reports the formation of 200 Societies, including Mission Bands. During the first year we had but 19. The interest in the cause of Missions through this agency must be in the future in excess of that which has hitherto

existed, for it would be impossible to have 200 churches engaged in Mission work, and yet not have a corresponding increase of interest in the respective localities. As the young people forming these Bands and Circles become cognizant of the deplorable need of the heathen, and the means arranged by the Church for their relief and uplifting, they will enter with renewed zeal into the work, and we anticipate through this means a fresh impetus given by every Society that is added to our list.

Another advantage arising from these Societies, Bands and Circles, will be found, we believe, in the training to systematic benevolence given to the young people. Year by year their money is given regularly to their respective treasuries, and they form the *habit* of giving. Thus the Church at home, as well as the Church among the heathen, will grow, in accordance with Christ's own promise—"Give and it shall be given to you : with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you."

The number of Life Members, constituted such by the payment of \$25 by one person at one time, has also been regularly on the increase. The number of these reported by our Home Secretary from our organization to present date now reaches about 350.

For the spread of information in regard to the Mission-work various methods have been tried. The most acceptable has been the publication of the *Mission Gleaner*, a little magazine which is both attractive in appearance and interesting as to its reading matter. The lady who edits this magazine has been herself a missionary, and is eminently fitted for the work. The circulation is increasing, but it ought to be taken by every family in the Church ; it is certainly within the means of all, for it is sent at the small cost of 25 cents per annum.

While alluding to the reading-matter prepared by the Woman's Board, we would also here refer to that beautiful addition to the literature of our Church, "The Manual of Missions," given by Mrs. Sturges. A copy of this valuable work is presented to each Auxiliary as soon as the report of



its organization is officially forwarded to our Secretary. By this means a knowledge of the work of the Church in the past is disseminated, and the interest of the young is stimulated to renewed exertion.

From what we have stated, it will be observed that this work is wholly that *of women for women*. It is an endeavor on the part of Christian women who *have* the Bible to give to the heathen women who *have it not*.

The girls' school at Amoy—and we take pleasure in thinking that this was the *first school* for native *girls* in China—is doing a great work for the uplifting of the women of that great empire. The children there not only gain some education, but they become Christians under the influence in which they are placed, and going out among their heathen sisters they must in turn spread a knowledge of that same Saviour of whom they have themselves learned.

The native Christian women are also setting an example of unbinding their feet, so that this may be the first blow to that cruel custom which causes such untold agony to the women of that land.

The schools in India no longer meet with the opposition of former years, but even prominent officials are present at the examinations. Last year 23 girls passed the tests of the government examination, while officials, both native and foreign, were in attendance to offer their congratulations on the improvement of the scholars.

Zenana work has been successfully undertaken at Vellore, and high-caste families have been visited, and have received instruction in the Bible as well as on secular subjects.

At Yokohama, the Ferris Seminary for girls presents an imposing appearance to vessels entering the harbor. It can be seen from a great distance, as it stands upon a bluff, and attracts much attention for the completeness of all its appointments. The course of instruction is highly appreciated by the Japanese, and the number of those taking advantage of the opportunities for obtaining an education increases constantly. Last year 20 of the pupils were communicants; 12 are the daughters of Christian households.

We have thus rapidly sketched the work of the Woman's Board—a work full of interest to those engaged in it. The beginning\* is small indeed, but the far-reaching results can only be known in eternity.

The Rev. Dr. Chamberlain says, speaking of the hymns he had translated into the Telugu language, that after a day spent in speaking and singing, and he had gone to rest for the night, he could hear in the distance the people in the villages singing the hymns he had taught them. The refrain would come softly to him through the trees, in the silence of the night, as they sang :

“Thy refuge would I seek, blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
My only help art Thou. On Thee alone I call.”

So when the night shall come to us, the night in which there shall be no more work, may not our weary eyelids close the more gently if we know that through these instrumentalities our heathen sisters will be singing as we sleep :

“Thy refuge would I seek, blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus.”

## AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

- Accord Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Albany Madison Avenue Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Albany First Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Albany Third Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Acquackanonck Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Astoria Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Adams Station Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Amity Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Athenia Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Athenia Mission Band, N. J.  
 Asbury Park Ref'd Church, N. J.  
 Blawenburg Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Brighton Heights Ref. Church, S. I., N. Y.  
 Brooklyn First Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Brooklyn South Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Brooklyn Church on the Heights, L. I.  
 Brooklyn Middle Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Brooklyn South Bushwick Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Brooklyn Twelfth Street Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Brooklyn East District Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Brooklyn Bedford Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Bushnell Reformed Church, I.  
 Boonton Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Bloomingdale Reformed Church, N. Y. City.  
 Buskirk's Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Bergen Point Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Caatsban Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Closter Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Coxsackie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Clarksville Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Claverack Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Canastota Reformed Church, " Constantine. Reformed Church, Mich.  
 Centreville Reformed Church, Mich.  
 Canajoharie Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Colt's Neck Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Cohoes Boght Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Cedar Grove Reformed Church, Wis.  
 Cohoes Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Chatham Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Coopersville Reformed Church, Michigan.  
 East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Easton Reformed Church, Pa.  
 Ebenezer Church Holland, Mich.  
 Ellenville Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Esopus Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Flatbush Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Fishkill Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Freehold Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Fairview, Illinois Reformed Church.  
 Farmer Village Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 First Collegiate Church, Harlem, N. Y.  
 Franklin Park Reformed Church, N. J.

- Fordham Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Franklin Furnace Reformed Church  
 N. J.  
 Flushing Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Fairfield Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Fulton Reformed Church, Ill.  
 Fallsburg Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Fishkill-on-Hudson Ref'd Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Gifford Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Grand Haven, Mich. Ref. Church.  
 Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Greenpoint Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Gravesend Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Ghent First Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Grace Ref. Church, New York City.  
 Grace Reformed Church Mission  
 Band, N. Y. City.  
 Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Guilderland Centre Reformed  
 Church, N. Y.  
 Gramhsville Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Grand Rapids Reformed Church,  
 Mich.  
 Griggstown Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Gibbsville Reformed Church, Wis-  
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 Hastings Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Harlem Second Collegiate Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Hackensack First Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 High Bridge, N. J. Ref. Church.  
 Hopewell Junction Reformed  
 Church, N. Y.  
 Holland, Mich., Four Churches.  
 Holland Hope Church Mission  
 Band, Michigan.  
 Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Harlem First Ref. Church, N. Y.  
 High Bridge Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 High Falls Ref'd Church, N. Y.  
 Herkimer Reformed Church, "  
 Hampton, North and South, Pa.  
 Holmdel Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Hope Church, Holland, Mich.  
 Irving Park Ref'd Church, Ill.  
 Jamaica L. I. Reformed Church.  
 Jersey City First Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 Jersey City Second Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 Jersey City Lafayette Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 Jersey City Park Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 Jersey City Bergen Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 Jersey City South Bergen Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 Jersey City Memorial Mission Band,  
 Lafayette Church, N. J.  
 Jerusalem Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Kingston Second Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Kalamazoo Reformed Church,  
 Mich.  
 Kerhonkson Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Knox Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Leed's Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Lisha's Kill Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Linlithgo Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Lodi Reformed Church, "  
 Lawyersville Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Mount Vernon Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Mott Haven Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Middleburg Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Middletown Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 Mahwah Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Middlebush Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.

Mellenville Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Millstone Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Montville Reformed Church, "  
 Montrose Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Metuchen Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Muskegon Reformed Church, Mich.  
 Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Newark First Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 Newark First Church Mission Band,  
 N. J.  
 Newark Clinton Avenue Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 Newark Second Ref. Church, N. J.  
 Newark Second Church Mission  
 Band, N. J.  
 Newark North Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 Newark North Reformed Church  
 Mission Band, N. J.  
 New Brunswick First Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 New Brunswick Second Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 New Brunswick. Suydam Street  
 Church Mission Band.  
 Newburg Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 New Hackensack Reformed Church  
 N. Y.  
 New Paltz Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 North Branch Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 North Branch Depot Reformed  
 Church, N. J.  
 Niskayuna Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Neshanic Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Northumberland Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 New Durham Ref'd Church, N. J.  
 New York Fifth Avenue and 48th  
 Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.  
 New York Fifth Avenue and 29th  
 Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.  
 New York Fourth Street Collegiate  
 Church, N. Y.

New York North Collegiate Church,  
 N. Y.  
 New York 34th Street Reformed  
 Church, N. Y.  
 New York Madison Avenue Re-  
 formed Church, N. Y.  
 New York Madison Avenue  
 Reformed Church Mission Band.  
 New York Sixth Avenue Reformed  
 Church, N. Y.  
 New Utrecht Reformed Church, L. I.  
 New Hurley Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 New York City, Fifth Avenue and  
 21st Street Reformed Church.  
 New York City, Prospect Hill Re-  
 formed Church.  
 New Brunswick, Suydam Street  
 Reformed Church, N. J.  
 New Baltimore Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Owasco Outlet Reformed Church,  
 N. Y.  
 Orange Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Overisel, Mich. Reformed Church.  
 Owasco Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Oakwood Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Oostburg Reformed Church, Wis.  
 Paterson First Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 Passaic North Reformed Church,  
 N. J.  
 Paramus Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Paterson, Broadway Ref. Ch. N. J.  
 Philadelphia First, Second, and  
 Third Reformed Church, Pa.  
 Pompton Plains Ref. Church, N. J.  
 Preakness Reformed Church, "  
 Poughkeepsie First Reformed  
 Church, N. Y.  
 Poughkeepsie Second Reformed  
 Church, N. Y.  
 Poughkeepsie First Church, Y. P.  
 M. S., N. Y.  
 Pella Reformed Church, Iowa.

- Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Peapack Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Plainfield Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Pattersonville First Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Pompton Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Port Jackson Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Port Richmond, Staten Island Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Paterson N. J. "Second Church of Totowa."  
 Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Queens Reformed Church, L. I.  
 Rochester First Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Rhinebeck Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Raritan Reformed Church, Ill.  
 Raritan Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Readington Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Ridgewood Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Seneca Falls Reformed Church, Mission Circle, N. Y.  
 Somerville 2d Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Schoharie Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Schenectady First Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Stuyvesant Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Syracuse Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Schraalenburgh Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Spring Valley Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Somerville First Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Somerville Second Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Shokan Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Stuyvesant, Falls Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Schenectady, Rotterdam Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Tarrytown First Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Tarrytown Second Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Thousand Isles, Alexandria Bay Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Tappan Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Unionville Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Vriesland Reformed Church, Mich.  
 Vischer's Ferry Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Verplancks Missionary Society N. Y.  
 Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 West Troy South Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Wyckoff Reformed Church, N. J.  
 Walden Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Westerlo Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.  
 Zeeland Reformed Church, Mich.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
OF THE  
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions,  
OF THE  
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

RECEIPTS.

Acquackanonck, N. J. ....	\$ 200 00	
Accord, N. Y. Rochester Ref ...	20 00	
Albany, N. Y., First Ref. Church Auxiliary.....	\$163 04	
"    "    Sunday School.....	65 00	
"    "    Golden Rule Band.....	40 00	
		268 04
"    Madison Avenue Reformed Auxiliary.....	196 00	
"    "    Boys' Club.....	33 87	
"    Miss Douw Douw.....	105 00	
		334 87
Alexandria Bay, N. Y. ....	27 00	
Astoria L. I. Auxiliary.....	72 00	
Belleville, N. J., Auxiliary.....	26 00	
Bergen "    South .....	31 90	
Bergen Point N. J., Auxiliary.....	48 36	
Bethlehem, N. Y., First Reformed Auxiliary.....	112 77	
"    Second "    " .....	31 75	
Blawenburg, N. J. ....	20 00	
Buskirk's, N. Y., Mission Workers.....	30 00	
Brooklyn, L. I., First Ref, E. D. Aux.....	152 92	
"    "    Crystal Society.....	60 00	
		212 92
Brooklyn L. I. Church on the Heights Aux.....	150 50	
"    "    South Reformed.....	60 00	
"    "    Bedford .....	46 00	
"    "    12th St. Church .....	60 00	
"    "    Bushwick South .....	38 85	

Bronxville Star of Hope Miss. Band .....	20 00	
Boght, N.Y., Ref. Church Aux .....	8 00	
Canajoharie " Auxiliary .....	40 00	
Caatsban " Auxiliary .....	96 35	
" Sunday School .....	70 00	
	<hr/>	166 35
Catskill, N. Y. Auxiliary .....		110 68
" West Cheerful Workers .....		5 00
" Miss Hopkins .....		20 00
Claverack N.Y., 1st Reformed Church, Willing Workers..		3 47
" 2d " Mellenville Auxiliary .....		13 00
Clarksville, N. Y. ....		4 00
Chatham " .....		84 40
Cedar Grove Wis. Work and Praying Band .....		35 00
Centreville, Mich. ....		15 80
Cohoes, N. Y. Auxiliary .....		28 00
Coxsackie " 1st Reformed Church Aux .....		10 00
" 2d " " " .....		100 00
Clover Hill, N. J. ....		14 01
Colts Neck, N. J. ....		40 00
Dashville Falls, N. Y. ....		35 00
Esopus " .....		27 00
Ellenville, N. Y. ....		46 28
Easton, Pa. ....		104 41
Fairview, Ill. ....		125 00
Fallsburg, N. Y. ....		30 77
Farmer's Village, N. Y. ....		34 38
Franklin Furnace, N. J. ....		15 00
Franklin Park " .....		164 37
Fishkill, N. Y., Auxiliary .....	40 00	
" Sunday School .....	20 00	
	<hr/>	60 00
" on Hudson .....		25 00
Flatbush, L. I. ....		164 00
Flatbush, Ulster Co., Auxiliary .....	37 80	
" " Sunday School .....	11 32	
	<hr/>	49 12
Flushing, L. I., Sunday School .....	60 00	
" Auxiliary .....	21 00	
	<hr/>	81 00
Fonda, N. Y. ....		35 21
Fulton, Ill. ....		17 75
Fordham, N. Y. ....		60 00
Freehold, N. J., Auxiliary .....	75 00	
" Buds of Promise .....	10 00	
	<hr/>	85 00





Kalamazoo, Mich.....	58 55
Knox, N. Y., Albany Co.....	6 50
Kingston, N. Y., Fair Street Reformed Church Auxiliary..	30 00
Lawyersville, N. Y., Auxiliary.....	35 00
Linlithgo, " ".....	18 00
Leeds, " ".....	10 00
Lodi, " ".....	10 00
Marbletown, " ".....	22 75
Mahwah, N. J.....	50 00
Middlebush ".....	12 00
Middletown, ".....	15 00
Middleburgh, N. Y.....	47 00
Millbrook, N. Y.....	29 45
Millstone, N. J., Nimble Fingers.....	25 00
Metuchen ".....	21 00
Montrose, N. Y.....	7 00
Montville, N. J.....	50 00
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.....	25 00
Muskegon, Mich.....	95 00
Nassau, N. Y.....	30 00
Neshanic, N. J.....	30 00
Niskayuna, N. Y.....	30 00
Newburg, ".....	220 00
New Baltimore ".....	62 87
New Brooklyn ".....	19 00
New Durham, N. J.....	180 00
New Hackensack, N. Y.....	105 00
New Hurley, N. Y.....	6 00
New Paltz, ".....	82 20
North Branch, N. J.....	130 00
Norwood Park, Ill.....	25 00
New Utrecht, L. I.....	261 50
Nyack Auxiliary.....	358 00
" Mission Circle.....	60 00
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	418 00
Newark, N. J. 1st Church Auxiliary.....	130 00
" " Merry Helpers.....	10 00
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	140 00
Newark, N. J., 2d Church Ready Helpers.....	20 00
" Clinton Avenue.....	100 71
" North Ref. Aux.....	422 21
" " Treasure Seekers.....	65 00
" " Birthday Offerings.....	20 00
" " Girls' Bible & Missionary Class.....	200 00
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	707 21

New Brunswick, N. J. 1st Church Aux.....	57 00	
"    "    "    Young Ladies Miss. Band	60 00	
"    "    "    Deceased scholars in In-		
fant Class.....	7 21	
		124 21
"    2d Church Auxiliary.....	160 00	
"    "    Sunday School.....	106 00	
"    "    Mrs. D. C. Vail.....	120 00	
		386 00
"    4th Church.....	10 00	
"    "    Young Ladies Society....	20 00	
		80 00
New York Colleg. Ch, 48th St. & 5th Av. Mrs. Mead.....	80 00	
"    "    "    Auxiliary.....	398 00	
"    "    "    In Memoriam....	20 00	
"    "    "    Adrial Mission Bd	40 00	
"    "    "    Sunday School....	50 00	
		588 00
"    "    29th St. & 5th Av. Aux .....	434 00	
"    "    "    Mrs. J. Sturges..	150 00	
"    "    "    Mrs. J. Penfold..	120 00	
		704 00
"    "    DeWitt Mission Band.....		5 00
"    "    14 Lafayette Place Auxiliary.....		100 19
"    Madison Avenue Ref. Ch. Auxiliary.....	560 00	
"    "    "    Workers for the King.	20 00	
		580 00
"    Grace Reformed Church Auxiliary.....	20 78	
"    "    "    Coral Workers.....	13 55	
		34 33
"    6th Ave. Reformed Church Ferris Aux. ....	98 00	
"    "    "    Faith Mission Band..	31 00	
"    "    "    Sunday School.....	21 00	
		150 00
"    South    "    Auxiliary .....		100 00
"    34th Street    "    "    .....		80 00
"    Bloomingdale    "    "    .....		44 00
"    Prospect Hill    "    "    .....		46 52
"    1st Collegiate Reformed Church, Harlem, N. Y.		263 98
New York, 2d Collegiate Reformed Church, Harlem    "		147 65
"    Union    "    High Bridge    "		123 75
"    St. Paul    "    Mott Haven    "		60 00
Overisil, Mich .....		133 06
Owasco Outlet, N. Y .....		20 00

Orange, N. J. ....		144 00
Paramus " Sunday School.....		14 07
Passaic, N. J., Auxiliary.....		40 00
Patterson, N. J., 1st Church, Sunday School Mission Band..		39 82
" Broadway Church.....		58 68
" 2d ".....		45 07
Pella, Iowa, Band of Little Workers.....	90 00	
" Auxiliary.....	125 00	
		215 00
Peekskill, N. Y.....		15 00
Piermont, ".....		36 87
Plainville, N. J., Bright Hope Mission Band.....		20 00
Preakness, ".....		28 00
Pompton ".....		70 00
Port Jackson, N. Y.....		35 20
Philadelphia, 1st Reformed Church.....	68 00	
" " Auxiliary & Mite Box..	142 00	
		210 00
" 2d " Young Ladies.....	30 00	
" " " Sunday School.....	90 00	
" " " Auxiliary.....	70 00	
		190 00
Poughkeepsie, 1st Church.....	410 00	
" " Miss Alice Dockstader.....	60 00	
		470 00
" 2d Church.....		183 00
Queens, L. I.....		20 00
Raritan, N. J.....		37 50
Raritan, Ill.....		40 00
Readington, N. J.....		101 46
Rochester, N. Y., 1st Church.....		57 00
" " 2d Church.....		8 08
		30 75
Rotterdam, N. Y., 1st Church.....		
Saugerties, N. Y., Auxiliary.....	78 50	
" " Mission Band.....	21 50	
		100 00
Schenectady " 1st Reformed Church Auxiliary.....	100 28	
" " " Griffes Band....	50 00	
		150 28
Schoharie ".....		55 00
Somerville, N. J., 1st Reformed Church Auxiliary.....		93 65
" " 2d Ref. Ch. Wide Awake Mission Band.....	60 00	
" " " Auxiliary.....	113 91	
		173 91
Schraalenburgh, N. J.....		37 00

Schuylerville .....	20 00	
"    Sunday School .....	7 10	
		27 10
Spring Valley, N. Y. ....		48 16
Staten Island, Brighton Heights, N. Y. ....		82 88
"    Port Richmond .....		78 97
Stuyvesant, N. Y. ....		61 00
Tappan .....	24 85	
"    Auxiliary .....		
"    Sunday School .....	10 00	
		34 85
Tarrytown, N. Y., 1st Church .....		46 00
"    "    2d .....		105 00
Utica .....	137 10	
"    Christ Church Auxiliary .....		
"    "    Sunday School .....	34 00	
		171 10
Upper Red Hook, N. Y. ....		70 06
Verplanck .....		13 00
Walden, N. Y., Auxiliary .....	30 00	
"    Willing Workers .....	7 50	
		37 50
Warwick, N. Y. ....		71 00
Westerlo .....		6 00
Wyckoff, N. J. ....		20 00 ✓
Yonkers, N. Y., Auxiliary .....	145 60	
"    Mission Band .....	96 00	
		241 00
Zeeland, Mich, Married Women .....		110 00

### INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

A Friend at Kinderhook .....	5 00
A Friend at Albany .....	2 00
Mrs. Sarah Jackson .....	11 00
A Friend, per Rev. A. Parsons .....	4 00
Miss P. Danforth .....	30 00
A Special Gift, K. V. S .....	30 00
Mrs. S. E. Parsons .....	25 00
A Friend from Albany .....	5 00
H. H. and W. W., Summer Offering .....	10 00
Mrs. M. B. Walker, in Memoriam little Martha .....	15 00
Mrs. J. Steele, in Memoriam Mrs. Clara Ferris .....	10 00
A .....	7 50
Rev. Wm. Chamberlain .....	5 00
Mr. Wheeler, towards Gleaner .....	5 00

Miss Margaret A. Bellinger.....	25 00	
F. R. M.....	30 00	
Miss Van Santvoord of Mount Vernon .....	120 00	
Mr. E. A. Alder, Christmas Gift .....	5 00	
Miss Amy Duryee, a Christmas Offering.....	25 00	
M. L. N .....	1 00	
A Friend.....	5 00	
Mrs. John Kiersted, of Saugerties.....	25 00	
Mrs. D. P. Ingraham .....	20 00	
Mrs. M. C. Van Brunt.....	5 00	
A Friend from Albany.....	3 00	
A Friend.....	5 00	
A Pinch Here and There.....	3 00	
Mrs. J. H. Van Doran.....	5 00	
Miss Anna Van Wagnen .....	10 00	
Easter Offering.....	5 00	
In Memory of Charlotte W. Duryee, by her Mother.....	50 00	
Mrs. Charles Van Wyck .....	5 00	
Mrs. J. Bogart, of Schraalenburgh .....	25 00	
Mrs. John Steele, for the Debt.....	2 00	
Mrs. Henry N. Cobb .....	15 00	
		553 50
Gleaner Receipts.....		214 44
Total from Churches.....		16,776 87
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		\$17,544 81

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1887			
April	25	Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D. D.	\$ 18 17
May	14,	"	30 00
"	16,	"	330 00
"	19,	"	85 00
"	20,	"	2,487 40
"	27,	"	4 00
"	28,	"	34 60
June	7,	"	130 00
"	17,	"	75 00
"	18,	"	570 00
"	22,	"	90 00
"	22,	"	15 00
July	6,	"	46 00
"	12,	"	26 62

	13,	Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D. D.	\$250 00
"	16,	"	4 90
"	18,	"	75 00
"	20,	"	25 00.
"	21,	"	30 00
"	30,	"	15 00
Aug.	2,	"	16 00
"	9,	"	112 20
"	11,	"	4 45
"	19,	"	171 00
Sept.	1,	"	60 00
Oct.	3,	"	50 00
"	5,	"	30 00
"	13,	"	77 00
"	17,	"	30 00
"	17,	"	155 80
"	19,	"	38 00
"	20,	"	25 00
"	24,	"	700 00
"	24,	"	30 00
"	29,	"	104 41
Nov.	4,	"	25 00
"	7,	"	101 85
"	8,	"	52 35
"	8,	"	105 00
"	11,	"	36 20
"	12,	"	313 35
"	15,	"	60 00
"	15,	"	64 00
"	18,	"	80 00
Dec.	2,	"	30 00
"	12,	"	90 00
"	14,	"	630 00
"	16,	"	27 87
"	17,	"	21 00
"	20,	"	60 00
"	21,	"	120 00
"	22,	"	65 00
"	28,	"	120 00
1888			
Jan.	4,	"	7 21
"	6,	"	60 00
"	12,	"	800 00
"	16,	"	75 00

Jan.	24,	Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D. D.	\$60 00	
"	26,	"	70 00	
"	28,	"	18 19	
Feb.	8,	"	120 00	
"	10,	"	10 00	
"	11,	"	20 00	
"	13,	"	30 00	
"	16,	"	1,060 00	
"	18,	"	30 00	
"	22,	"	135 00	
Mch.	1,	"	100 00	
"	3,	"	115 00	
"	8,	"	14 45	
"	9,	"	90 00	
"	16,	"	115 00	
"	19,	"	75 00	
"	21,	"	30 00	
"	23,	"	1,380 00	
"	24,	"	120 00	
"	29,	"	20 00	
"	30,	"	35 00	
"	31,	"	120 00	
April	3,	"	160 00	
"	4,	"	370 19	
"	9,	"	192 50	
"	10,	"	374 00	
"	11,	"	319 40	
"	12,	"	100 00	
"	12,	"	31 90	
"	13,	"	533 50	
"	14,	"	2 00	
"	16,	"	113 00	
"	18,	"	7 00	
"	19,	"	263 70	
"	23,	"	20 00	
"	27,	"	4,000 00	
			<hr/>	\$19,147 21
"	25, 1887,	Rev. J. M. Ferris		55 00
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Total payments to Synod's Board .....				\$19,202 21



Mr. R. Brinkerhoff, for Reports, &c. ....		\$326 57
Rogers and Sherwood, Printing Mission Gleaner. ....	240 00	
Editress' Salary " " ....	100 00	
Postage, &c. " " ....	11 77	
Agents' Allowance " " ....	30 00	
	<hr/>	381 77
Hatch Lithographic Co., Printing Certificates ....	11 50	
" Engraving " ....	18 37	
	<hr/>	29 87
H. B. Angell, Receipt Book ....		6 50
Postage and Stationery for Treasurer. ....		10 25
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		\$19,957 17

Balance on hand April 25, 1887. ....	\$ 2,867 84
Total Receipts since April 25, 1887. ....	17,544 81
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	\$20,412 65

Total Receipts and Cash Balance. ....	\$20,412 65
Total Payments. ....	19,957 17
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Balance on hand May 1st, 1888 .....	\$455 48
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MRS. PETER DONALD, Treasurer,  
39 West 46th Street, N. Y.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts and compared the vouchers, finds the same correct, and that the balance in the treasury, April 26, 1888, is Four hundred and Fifty-five 48-100 Dollars.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS,  
New York, 28th April, 1888.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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Mrs. F. M. Adams.....	Kingston, N. Y.
“ Charles Ayerigg .....	Passaic, N. J.
“ James L. Amerman.....	Tokyo, Japan
“ William Allason .....	New York City.
“ W. W. Atwood.....	Hudson, N. Y.
“ Asher Anderson.....	Bristol, Ct.
“ R. E. Andrews.....	Hudson, N. Y.
“ George H. Ackerman.....	Passaic, N. J.
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Mrs. Dwight K. Bartlett.....	Albany, N. Y.
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“ M. A. Bellinger.....	Herkimer, “
“ N. I. M. Bogert.....	Clover Hill, N. J.
“ Henry W. Bookstaver.....	New York City
“ A. M. Belden.....	“
“ A. C. Brown .....	“
“ George S. Bisnop.....	East Orange, N. J.
“ I. P. Brokaw.....	Freehold, “
“ Mary J. Brooks.....	Belleville, “
“ R. C. Browe*.....	“
“ Caroline J. Brush.....	Clover Hill, “
“ Jane Brinkerhoff.....	Jersey City, “
“ G. V. H. Brinkerhoff.....	“
“ Benjamin M. Brink.....	Caatsban, N. Y.
“ C. Augustus Bettman.....	Jersey City, N. J.
“ Henry Best .....	Linlithgo, N. Y.
“ Anna M. Barret.....	Ellenville, “
“ Ralph W. Brokaw.....	Belleville, N. J.
“ Abram Banta.....	Mahwah, “
“ Jesse Baldwin.....	New York City.
“ Charles Burden.....	“
Miss Elizabeth Bogart.....	“
“ Katie Bogart.....	“
“ Mary Bus-ing.....	“
“ Lizzie Blanch Blackledge.....	“
“ Adelaide L. Blauvelt.....	“
“ John C. Benham.....	Hudson, N. Y.
“ Charlotte W. Berry .....	Rhinebeck, “

Miss Eleanor Bergen.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" Elizabeth Barnes .....	" "
" Julia Budd.....	Belleville, N. J.
" Louise Brink.....	Caatsban, N. Y.
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Brown.....	New York City.
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M. D. D. ....	Madanapalle, India
Mrs. " .....	" "
" S. H. Cobb .....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
" Henry N. Cobb.....	East Orange, N. J.
" Ellen Clark .....	Hackensack, "
" Mary A. Clark.....	Bushnell, Ill.
" David Cole.....	Yonkers, N. Y.
" James P. Cumming.....	" "
" John B. Cumming.....	Bushnell, Ill.
" A. Loring Cushing.....	Belleville, N. J.
" Ann Cook.....	New York City.
" T. W. Chambers.....	" "
" Guild Copeland.....	Passaic, N. J.
" Ellen A. Chapman.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
" L. M. Corwin.....	Jersey City, N. J.
" O. E. Cobb.....	Flushing, L. I.
" S. G. W. Couenhoven.....	Acquaackanoneck, N. J.
" H. K. Coddington.....	" "
" C. G. Cadmus.....	Passaic, N. J.
" John Clearman.....	Belleville, N. J.
" Wm. H. Clark.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
" Peter Clum.....	Caatsban, N. Y.
" Nathan F. Chapman.....	" "
" Frederick H. Clapper.....	Hudson, "
" Edward Crosby.....	Kingston, "
" Ellen Currie.....	Greenville, N. J.
" J. W. Conklin.....	Mahwah, "
" Abbey M. Cranmer.....	Astoria, L. I.
Miss Kate Couenhoven.....	Passaic, N. J.
" Louise S. Chambers.....	New York City.
" Elizabeth Couenhoven.....	Passaic, N. J.
" Mary Church.....	" "
" Catharine W. Cheeseman.....	Flushing, N. Y.
" Myra L. Clark.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" Ella M. Crowell.....	" "
Mrs. James Demarest, Jr.....	Fort Plain, N. Y.
" Margaret Dimon.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" H. R. Dickson.....	Newark, N. J.
" T. C. Doremus.....	New York City.
" J. L. Duryee.....	Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Charles D. De Witt.....	Caatsban, N. Y.
“ William R. Duryee*.....	Jersey City, N. J.
“ M. A. Davison.....	Nyack, N. Y.
“ Abram Du Bois.....	New York City.
“ D. Demarest.....	Acquackanonck, N. J.
“ R. V. N. Denyse.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
“ S. Doremus*.....	New York City.
Rev. John A. De Baun, D.D.....	Fonda, N. Y.
Mrs. John A. De Baun.....	“ “
Mrs. M. M. Danner.....	Paterson, N. J.
“ Peter Donald.....	New York City.
Mr. Henry Dayton.....	“ “
“ Ellery Denison, M. D.....	“ “
Miss Alice Duryee.....	Jersey City, N. J.
“ Susan R. Duryee.....	“ “
“ Lilly N. Duryee.....	“ “
“ Amy C. Duryee.....	Newark, N. J.
“ Charlotte R. Duryee.....	“ “
“ Mary O. Duryee.....	“ “
“ Anne B. Duryee.....	“ “
“ Ellen Kesia Denison.....	New York City.
“ Emma K. Denison.....	“ “
“ Elsie Day.....	“ “
Miss Eunice B. Dodd*.....	Jersey City, N. J.
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## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America," and its central point of operations shall be in the City of New York.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands; and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all money which shall be contributed to this Society, subject to the approval of the Board, in the appointment of missionaries supported by this Association, and in fixing their locations and salaries. To the furtherance of this end, it shall also endeavor to organize similar associations in all Reformed Churches, and these associations shall bear the name of Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and shall report their work to this Board at such times as the By-Laws may direct.

ART. 3. Each person paying one dollar annually, through an Auxiliary, or directly to the treasury, shall become a member of this Association. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a Life Membership.

ART. 4. The business of this Board shall be conducted by thirty Managers, each of whom shall be a member of an Auxiliary society. They shall be elected annually by the members of the Board, who may be present at the annual meeting; and shall organize on the first Tuesday after their election, by selecting from their number a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall have power to elect not more than twelve honorary Vice-Presidents, and to appoint corresponding members, when the object of the Board can be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year.

ART. 5. There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the officers and two other Managers, to be elected annually. This Committee shall have

power to transact such business as may require attention in the intervals between the stated meetings of the Managers. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, in the City of New York, at which time the Managers shall report to the Association the operations, conditions, and prospects thereof; and an election shall be made of Managers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. A special meeting of the Board may be called at any time by the President, upon the request of the Managers.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

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## BY-LAWS.

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**ARTICLE 1.** The Managers shall hold their stated meetings on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at such place as they shall appoint. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the President, upon the request of five members.

ART. 2. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month, at such time and place as the Committee shall decide.

ART. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Managers, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office, and shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

ART. 4. A Vice-President shall perform, in the absence of the President, all the duties of her office. The Honorary Vice-Presidents shall have all the privileges of Corresponding Members.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and hold, and keep an account of all money given to the Board, and shall disburse it as the Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and make a quarterly report to the Managers. Her annual report shall be examined by an auditor appointed by the Managers.

ART. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and Managers, which shall be read for correction at the close of each meeting, and she shall give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries for the foreign field to conduct the business of this Board with the Board of Foreign Missions, and also with the Missionaries, Teachers, and Bible-readers supported by this Association. They shall prepare the annual report of the Managers; and Missionaries supported by this Association shall report to them.

ART. 8. The Corresponding Secretaries for the home field shall correspond with the churches, and propose the organization of Auxiliary societies, wherever it is possible to awaken an interest in the work for which this Association is formed.

ART. 9. Auxiliary societies shall be required to make an annual report to the Managers, through the Corresponding Secretaries, on or before the first Tuesday in April.

ART. 10. Any Manager who shall be absent from three successive meetings, without giving notice of the reason of her absence, shall forfeit her position, and her place may be filled.

ART. 11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Managers, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; but notice of the proposed amendment must be given in writing at the meeting preceding such vote.

The following Constitutions are recommended for adoption. They can be modified and adapted to the circumstances of different localities:

CONSTITUTION  
FOR  
AUXILIARIES  
OF THE  
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

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ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called \_\_\_\_\_ of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board in sending out and maintaining Female Missionaries, Bible-readers, and Teachers, who shall work among heathen women and children.

ART. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of \_\_\_\_\_ annually.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ART. 5. The duty of these officers shall be as follows :

The President shall preside at all meetings, and have a general oversight of the work of the Society.

The Secretary shall give notice of meetings, shall record the minutes of each session, and shall prepare the Annual Report. It shall also be her duty to transmit to the Woman's Board the names of the officers of this Auxiliary, a report of its proceedings and condition, whenever necessary, and the Annual Report with that of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall report the state of the Treasury at every meeting, and shall remit the funds obtained, at least once a year, *on or before the tenth day of April*, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

ART. 6. This Society shall hold regular meetings on the —, and an annual meeting on the —, to receive and adopt the Annual Report, and to elect officers.

## DIRECTIONS FOR FORMING MISSION BANDS.

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1. An association of young ladies, formed to aid the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall be called a "Mission Band," and shall be Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is formed, or to the Woman's Board.

2. Each Band shall be responsible for at least \$20 each year.

3. Any young lady may become a member of a Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents yearly.

4. The officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall have a general oversight of the work of the Band. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and shall make an Annual Report to the Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all sums contributed, paying the same, at least once a year, to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary of the Church in which the Band is formed, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

6. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name, not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.

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## MISSION CIRCLES OF CHILDREN.

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1. An association of children, remitting yearly not less than five dollars to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall constitute a "Mission Circle."

2. Each Circle shall be designated by an appropriate name, and shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to whom due acknowledgment can be returned by the Woman's Board.

Or, if preferred, the following can be adopted:

## PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

"We desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children, that they may hear of Christ, who died to save them. We promise to give one cent a week to the Missionary Box, and to come together once a month, to hear about Missions, and to work for the cause."



